

✓ Charles Soar, Jr., 85

Aug. 23, 1920 - Sept. 9, 2005

COUNCIL BLUFFS — Charles Henry Soar, Jr., the son of Charles and Maude (Thordsen) Soar, was born Aug. 23, 1920, in Council Bluffs. He attended Gunn School at Council Bluffs, and later moved with his family and attended school near Gillette. Charlie was employed with the Union Pacific Fruit Express for 40 years as an iceman. His job entailed blowing ice into railroad cars to keep the produce from spoiling.

May 18, 1944. Charlie married Margaret Torneten at St. Peter's Parish House in Council Bluffs. After their marriage they continued to reside in Council Bluffs. Seven children were born to this union, Maureen, Ernie, Joyce, Kathleen, Barbara, Patricia and Lorraine. Charlie and his brothers built his home in 1957. He became a resident of the Bethany Lutheran Home in Council Bluffs, in February of 2005. It was there that he died Sept. 9, 2005, at age 85 years and 17 days.

In addition to his parents, Charlie was preceded in death by a daughter, Maureen Rose Soar; three sisters; and six brothers. Survivors include his wife, Margaret of 61 years, of Council Bluffs; his children, Joyce (Richard) Christensen of Council Bluffs; Kathleen (Robert) Binderup of Omaha, NE; Barbara (Mike) Nielsen of Council Bluffs; Pat Mooberry of Council Bluffs; Lorraine (Geoffrey) Thiele of Omaha, NE; Ernie Soar (Julie) of Council Bluffs; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 12, 2005, at Henry-Livingston Funeral Home in Council Bluffs, with Rev. Charles Kottas officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Council Bluffs, with Bob Ring, Walt Ausdemore, Mike Torneten, James Vanecek, Bob Vanecek, Chuck Vanecek, and Pat Collins casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

