

Otto Stoltenberg, 89

Oct. 3, 1907 - April 11, 1997

AVOCA - Otto Herman Stoltenberg was born Oct. 3, 1907 in Walnut the only child of Alfred and Adelia Lamp Stoltenberg. He attended school in Walnut and graduated in 1925. He attended the University of Iowa and the University of Nebraska before returning to Walnut to operate the family lumberyard business. He operated lumberyards in both Walnut and Avoca.

He married Phyllis Fiscus, a local nursing home operator Dec. 13, 1968. He helped her run the nursing home and took care of the maintenance work. She died in 1982. He lived with his step-daughter in Omaha for a time and then returned to Walnut to live in Peace Haven Retirement Home, where he stayed until 1991 when he became a resident of the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center. He served in the Air Corps during World War II. He was also a charter member of the Avoca Rotary Club. He died April 11, 1997, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 89 years, six months and eight days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Phyllis. He is survived by his stepson, Keith Fiscus (Sharon) of Wichita Falls, TX; two stepdaughters, Judith (Sam) Howell III of Omaha, NE and Diane (Phil) Healey of Denver, CO; seven step-grandchildren; three step-great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 15, 1997, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel, Avoca, with Pastor Paul Bengston officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Ken Woltmann, Jerry Mez, Mike Jarrell and Don Nelsen.