

Harry M. Walter, 85

WALNUT — Harry Manke Walter, son of Charles and Ida (Manke) Walter was born March 8, 1902 at Lewis, one of three children. The family moved to Walnut in 1910 and he graduated from Walnut high school.

He married Linda Hansen of Walnut on Dec. 9, 1924 and they made their home in Walnut and were parents of three children. He and his brother, Clarence, operated an auto repair shop until retiring, but he continued to do small motor repairs until his health failed.

He was a member of Peace United Church of Christ; served on the Walnut Volunteer Fire Dept. and Walnut water board; was a member of the board of directors of Peace Haven for one term; and was a 50 year member of the Walnut Masonic Lodge. He had acted in plays in the old Opera House and enjoyed playing golf. He and his wife had been married 61 years at the time of her death. He moved to Peace Haven Home in Nov., 1986. Feb. 1987, he married Claire Rossmann of Peace Haven and they continued to live there. He died Aug. 24, 1987 at Myrtue hospital at age 85 years.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Linda; a grandchild; his parents; a brother, Clarence; a sister, Clara and a half sister, Neatha Ward Nissen. Surviving are his wife, Claire; a son, Roy Walter of Rockford, II.; two daughters, Patricia Beall and Phyllis Boo of Des Moines; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a stepson and three step-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Aug. 29, 1987 at Peace United Church of Walnut with Rev. Wayne Selsor, officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Gordon Tooley, Lawrence Rossmann, George Hansen, Russell Haworth, Arthur Koehrsen and Clark Dory. Casket bearers were Donald Hansen Sr., Harold Hansen, Norman Hansen, Robert Walter, Donald Walter and Charles Walter. Burial was in the Walnut cemetery. Berthusen-Knutson was in charge of arrangements.