

Ralph DePalma West, 79

Nov. 19, 1914 - Aug. 17, 1994

Odebolt - Ralph DePalma West was born Nov. 19, 1914 in Ida Grove to Harry Morton West and Edna Winans West. He was baptized and confirmed in the Odebolt United Methodist Church. He graduated from Irwin High School in 1931.

He married Bernice Albertson May 2, 1937 at Rockport, MO. He worked on the Alcan Highway in AK during 1940. He farmed around Manilla and south of Odebolt until moving to Odebolt in 1952, where he was employed at the Krusenstjerna John Deere Implement Co. as a bookkeeper. His last employment was a cashier at the Odebolt State Bank for 23 1/2 years. He was a member of Odebolt United Methodist Church, a 50 year member of the Wheeler Masonic Lodge No. 398 A.F. & A.M. where he was a Past Master. He died Aug. 17, 1994 at the Loring Hospital in Sac City at age 79.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Garnet and his wife Bernice May 18, 1994. He is survived by one son Russell (Marlene) of Bloomfield, IN, two granddaughters, six great-grandchildren, two step-great-grandchildren, and a sister Ardith North (Jim) of Vail.

Masonic services were held Aug. 19 at Farber and Otteman funeral home in Odebolt by Wheeler Masonic Lodge No. 398 A.F. & A.M. Funeral services were held at United Methodist Church in Odebolt Aug. 20 with Rev. Harold E. Schire officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Walter Nielsen, Duane Schoefield, LeRay Lundblad, Lloyd Lundblad, Roger Kies and Everett Fertig. Casket bearers were Russell Paulsen, Don Cowlham, Bill Carlson, Daryl Cleveland, Dennis Sykes and William Dressen. Burial was in the Odebolt cemetery.