

Delmar E. "Red" West, 75

Sept. 28, 1923 - March 14, 1999

WATERLOO - Delmar Eugene West (Red) was born on a farm near Hancock, Sept. 28, 1923, the son of Lealen and Opal Berge West. He attended a country school. He was a Prisoner of War for six months in Czechoslovakia while serving in the U.S. Army during WW II.

Red married Arleene Kadel March 6, 1948, in Minden. They were the parents of two daughters, Della Cafaro and Debra Welbourne. He was in the trucking business with his father from 1950 until 1963, when he took over the business until retiring from trucking in 1976. They purchased the Midtown Motel in Minden, and managed it for eight years prior to retiring and moving to Waterloo. She died May 11, 1995. He died at his daughter's home in Waterloo, March 14, 1999, at age 75 years, five months and 14 days.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Arleene, and his parents. He is survived by his two daughters, Della (Dr. James) Cafaro of Waterloo and Debra (Steve) Welbourne of Minden; seven grandchildren; a brother, Dale West (Bonnie) of Pueblo, CO; a niece, two nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 18, 1999, at the Knutson Funeral Home, Avoca, with Rev. Dean Sparr officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Minden American Legion Post #437. Casket bearers were Brian Cafaro, Michael Cafaro, Craig Cafaro, Paul Nihsen, Delmer Petersen and Harley Nihsen.