

The Life Story of --

Howard S. Espeland, 65

Howard Silas Espeland was born Aug. 12, 1909 in Gifford, Ia., son of Peter H. and Ora Stolp Espeland. He moved to Randall and graduated from the high school there in 1928, as the class Salutatorian. After graduation he worked for the Randall Savings Bank. Mr Espeland married La Veda Riften on April 13, 1935, in Boone. The couple observed their 40th anniversary Sunday, April 20. They lived in Eagle Grove and Algona before moving to Atlantic in 1938 when Mr Espeland became manager of the Graham Store for 12 years and later operated a little grocery store at Ninth and Elm for several years. He was employed by Robinson Hardware Store for 18½ years and retired in Febr. 1873. He was a member of the First United Methodist church. He died unexpectedly at his home Wednesday, April 23, 1975.

Surviving are his widow, La

Veda; his mother of Story City, one daughter, Mrs Dale (Beverly) Christensen of Harlan; one son, Paul Espeland of Atlantic; four granddaughters; two brothers, Porter of Eagle Grove and Glen of Portland, Oreg., three sisters, Mrs Frank (Adalene) Clark of Ottumwa, Mrs Sherman (Oral) Thompsen of Ames, and Mrs Bertha Ranger of Radcliffe; two aunts, Mrs Bertha Erickson of Story City and Mrs J.W. (Merle) Christensen of Palatine, Ill., and a number of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father.

Burial was in the Atlantic cemetery with Carroll Hayes, Robert Gaines, Merle Turner, John Marxen Jr., Delbert Christensen and Tim Saunders serving as pallbearers.

Roland's Funeral Home in Atlantic were in charge of arrangements.