

## **The Life Story of --**

### **VERNE PECK, 67**

Earl Verne Peck, son of Harry E. and Edna Prather Peck, was born on May 12, 1907, near Indianola. He died on April 18, 1975, at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, at age 67 years, 11 months and 6 days. Verne was raised on a farm near Indianola. He was graduated from the Indianola high school and attended Simpson College. He came to the Harlan vicinity in 1937 as a sales representative for the National Biscuit Co. On June 5, 1937, he married Geraldine Ferguson in the Little Brown Church in Nashua. Verne served his country in the U.S. Navy during W.W.II. Mr and Mrs Peck made their home in Harlan, where Mr Peck owned and operated his own auto repair shop, known as Peck's Spark and Brake, until he retired in 1965. He also taught classes in auto repair in Council Bluffs, at Thomas Jefferson high school from 1965 to 1973. After his retirement he worked for Orv Rucker Ford and enjoyed his hobby-business, candlemaking. Verne was a member of the First United Methodist church in Harlan. He was also a member of the Masonic Parian Lodge No. 321, A.F. & A.M. and the Lebanon Chapter No. 8, Order of Eastern Star.

Mr Peck was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine, of Harlan, Ia.; his daughter, Connie and son-in-law, Dan Ryan, of Co. Bluffs; and his son, Ernest and daughter-in-law, Elinor, of New Virginia, by one sister, Ilo (Mrs Merrill Edwards) of Perry; five grandchildren - Timothy and Taressa Ryan and David, Dennis and Patricia Peck; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 21, 1975, at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, with Rev. Larry LaVelle officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Keith Bauer, Bob Sorensen, Orval Roecker, Verle Doonan, Jack Lewis and Dick O'Bryan serving as casketbearers.

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