



John Theodore Hulsebus, 87

Aug. 19, 1907 - Jan. 18, 1995

Harlan - John Theodore Hulsebus, son of John A. and Pauline (Mielke) Hulsebus, was born Aug. 19, 1907, near Defiance, in Crawford County. After graduation from the Defiance Public School in 1925, he taught school for one year in Polk Township. He then was employed at the C.L. Harlan Drug Store from 1926-32. In 1932, he entered the Des Moines College of Pharmacy.

Oct. 20, 1934 he married Virginia Mae Philson in Decorah. The couple lived in Decorah for a year before moving to Dunlap. In Jan., 1936, they came to Harlan, and he worked at Levendahl Drug. He served 25 months in the U.S. Navy, from Oct. 14, 1943, to Nov. 10, 1945, in Farragut, ID. In 1946, he and his brother Ivan began and operated Hulsebus Drug in Harlan. He retired in 1972, and in 1973, they moved to Ortonville, MN, on Big

Stone Lake. They returned to Harlan in 1979. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan, American Legion, IOOF Lodge #267, Rebekahs, where he was a past Noble Grand, and was a past member of the Harlan Chamber of Commerce, IPhA (Iowa Pharmacist Association), the Harlan Cemetery Association, and had served six years on the Harlan School Board. He was also a charter member of the Golden K Club, remaining active with the

organization until shortly before his death. He died Jan. 18, 1995, at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, NE at age 87 years, 4 months, and 30 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents; three brothers, Julius (in infancy), Raymond, and Ivan; three sisters, Gladys (in infancy), Mildred Hansen, and Violet; and one grandson, Scott Hulsebus. Survivors include his wife, Virginia; three sons, Clinton (Jean) Hulsebus of Phoenix, AZ, Keith (Cindy) Hulsebus of Harlan, and James (Pearl) Hulsebus of Rochester, MN; two sisters, Pearl (Gerald) Custer of Woodbine, and Cynthia Fuester of Haddonfield, NJ; ten grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 21, 1995, at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan, with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Casket bearers were seven of John's grandchildren: Kelly Hulsebus, Jerry Hulsebus, Michael Humphrey, Thomas Humphrey, Justin Hulsebus, Joel Hulsebus, and Mark Hulsebus. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with military rites conducted by the Helmer Reyelt American Legion Post #150. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.