

Arthur Johnson

DIED 8 JAN 1983

Services were last Saturday for Arthur Johnson, 87, of Melbourne who died last week Wednesday at Veterans Administration Hospital in Des Moines. The Rev. Keith Selberg officiated at St. John's United Church of Christ, Melbourne. Ruth Eggers was organist and Kenneth Nason vocalist.

Burial followed in Melbourne cemetery. Casket bearers were Rex White, Stan Randall, Lawrence Halter, Warren Soorholtz, Eldon Horn and Ralph White. Ryan-Davis Funeral Home of Melbourne was in charge of arrangements.

The family has suggested that memorials be directed to the St. John United Church of Christ.

Mr. Johnson was born in Pickering, July 15, 1895, a son of C.B. and Anna Norland Johnson. He was married to Lydia Klettke on July 28, 1920, in Eldora, and she survives.

Besides his widow he is survived by two sons:

Richard D. Johnson, Grand Junction, CO, and Harold R. Johnson, Pella; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Merle Johnson, Omaha, NE. He was preceded in

death by a brother, a sister and a great-granddaughter.

Mr. Johnson was reared and educated in Marshalltown, and in 1912, at the age of 17, took over the ownership and operation of the Melbourne Elevator. He owned and operated that elevator until his retirement in 1976.

He was a veteran of World War I, having served in the U.S. Army, and a member of the Hauser - Diggins American Legion Post at Melbourne. He was also a member of St. John Church.