

## OBITUARIES

### Merle V. Nolta, 83

Merle V. Nolta, 83, of 203 4th St. NE in State Center, died early Wednesday morning, April 3, at the Iowa Veterans Home.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 6 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center with Pastor Ronald Darge officiating. Burial followed at the Hillside Cemetery. Flag presentation service was provided by the Harlan Pfantz Post of the American Legion.

Nolta was born in State Center on July 28, 1918, the son of Gerald and Ildra Weuve Nolta.

He was united in marriage to Helen Eckhart in 1938.

Two children survive: Richard (Bernie) Nolta of Fort Dodge and Connie, Mrs. Derald Merrill of State Center. Also surviving are six grandchildren and seven great

grandchildren along with his sister, Arlene Braddy of State Center.

Preceding Merle in death were his parents and one granddaughter.

Reared and educated in the Clemons and State Center area, he worked for the M & St. L railroad as a fireman in Illinois. In 1944, he entered the US Army and served until 1946. After this he returned to Central Iowa and began farming. In 1957, he moved to Fort Dodge and worked for the Commerce Commission for the State of Iowa as a grain inspector. He later owned and operated supper clubs in Knierim and Manson. Mr. Nolta returned to State Center in 1980 and retired in 1981, although he continued to work for the State Center Grain and Feed and Sunstrand after retirement.