James Hale

5 June 1990

Services were held Friday for James Hale, 75, of Rhodes who died Tuesday, June 5, at Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center. Pastor Beverlee Bell officiated at Rhodes United Methodist Church, and burial was in Eden Cemetery at Rhodes. The Rhodes American Legion provided military honors.

Casket bearers were Jerry Dannen, Dick Ray, Lavern Karsjen, Jr., Larry Witte, Marvin Gibbs, and Larry Ginter. Honorary bearers were Jiggs Rainey, Henry Kuhn, Phil Buck and Gary Cooper.

The Wensel-Perrin Funeral Home in State Center was in charge of arrangements. A memorial fund has been established.

Born September 7, 1914 in Rhodes he was the son of Fred and Maud Richmond Hale. He graduated from Rhodes High School in 1931.

He was employed as the Postmaster in Rhodes for 10 years retiring in 1977.

In 1937, he was married to Dollie Stewart and divorced in 1980. On October 1, 1981 he was married to Lucille VanCleave and they have resided in Rhodes.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was a member of Rhodes United Methodist Church, Rhodes American Legion, the 40 and 8, Rhodes Volunteer Fire Dept., and on the board of directors for the Rhodes Retirement Home.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Surviving is his wife, Lucille, of Rhodes, a son and three daughters; Jerry of Virginia Beach, VA, Jean Pfantz of State Center, Joan (Mrs. Jack) Cardani of Boone and Vicki (Mrs. Reggie) Eldridge of Melbourne; seven grandchildren, a great grandson and a sister, Kate Malechek of Marshalltown.