

Clare O. Lyon, 81

Sept. 30, 1915 - Sept. 21, 1997

ALBUQUERQUE, NM - Clare Orville Lyon, son of John W. and Carrie Grace (Dean) Lyon, was born Sept. 30, 1915, in Harlan. He attended the Harlan schools, graduating from Harlan High School in 1933. After his graduation from high school, he operated a radio service shop.

July 27, 1939, he married Rita Rath in Omaha. They became the parents of three children. He worked for Western Electric in Omaha, Minneapolis, Michigan and Wisconsin. He helped establish telephone service along the Alaska Canada Highway before moving back to Harlan in 1951. At this time, Clare took over the operation of Lyon Plumbing and Heating in Harlan, retiring from this business in 1979. The couple made their home six months of the year in Phoenix and six months of the year in Harlan. In 1989, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and also moved to Albuquerque in 1989. Clare died Sept. 21, 1997, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Albuquerque, NM, at age 81 years, 11 months and 22 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Jerry Onnen, and his sisters and brothers, Gertrude May, Ethel, William and Ire Ralph. Survivors include his wife, Rita Lyon of Albuquerque, NM; his children, Barbara Onnen of Harlan; John Lyon of San Francisco, CA and Sandy (Jim) Sondag of Lathrop, MO; eight grandchildren; sisters, Ina Rothfuss of Grand Island, NE and Jean Van Oeffelen of Muskegon, MI, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 26, 1997, at the Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox of the First Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Mike Onnen, Jill Sondag, James Sondag, Jessica Sondag, Jennifer Miller, Dustin Miller, Tamara Johnson and Mike Johnson casket bearers.