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William "Bill" Marler, 83

March 29, 1916 – March 7, 2000

ARMSTRONG – William "Bill" Marler was born March 29, 1916, at Tingley to Joseph A. Marler and Gertie B. Hathaway Marler. He received his education in the rural schools and attended Tingley High School. He moved to the Armstrong area prior to World War II and served the United States Army in Europe, England and Africa during the war.

Nov. 19, 1948, he married Wilma M. Thackrey at Spencer. He worked for Byrl Horswell for a number of years before he went to work at Arts Way Manufacturing Company where he worked for more than 20 years. Following his retirement, Bill and Wilma drove truck for Arts Way. He has been a resident of the Valley Vue Care Center since December of 1999. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and a lifetime member of the Armstrong V.F.W. He died March 7, 2000, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN, at age 83.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters. He is survived by his wife, Wilma Marler of Armstrong; his daughters, Billie Jo (Dr. Arthur) Sciortino of Council Bluffs; Pamela (Henry) Pedersen of Ledyard; Terri (Terry) Cox of Harlan and Mary Lou Buttrey of Gilbert, AZ; 11 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; two sisters, Vira (Woodrow) Wilson of Stanton and Thelma Whitson of Creston; and a brother, Vern Marler of Creston.

Funeral services were held March 10, 2000, at the United Methodist Church in Armstrong, with Reverend Dan Miller officiating. Burial was in the Armstrong Grove Cemetery with full military graveside rites by the VFW Post of Armstrong.