

Harry B. Simonson

Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 6, for Harry B. Simonson, 82, at the McColley Funeral Chapel at Hot Springs, with the chaplain of the South Dakota Veterans Home, the Rev. Dahlberg officiating. The Rev. and Mrs. Dahlberg furnished hymns and organ music for the service. The chaplain from Ft. Meade officiated at the committal rites at the National Cemetery at Sturgis.

Mr. Simonson died Monday, Jan. 2, at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Hot Springs. He had been residing at the S.D. Veterans Home of that city since May, 1983. Prior to that time he was a resident of the Colonial Manor of Groton.

Harry Benjamin Simonson was born January 13, 1901 at Glenwood City, Wis. He moved to South Dakota with his family in 1912 and lived in the Groton and Columbia areas. He farmed near Columbia for a time and then joined the Civilian Conservation Corps in the Black Hills. He later served in the U.S. Army during World War II from September 1940 until April 1944. He received the New Guinea Campaign Star 1943. He lived in Washington State and Colorado, where he was involved in ranching and was a member of the American Legion Post #125 of Eads, Colo. He never married.

He is survived by his sister, Hilda Craig of Groton, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and four sisters which included Mrs. Roy (Ida) Wahl, Columbia; Ted Simonson and Oliver Simonson, Groton area.