

DANIEL EARL NICKLE  
(1890-1967)

DAN was known as a “Man of Integrity” and an honest man, a faithful man, true to his religion, a man of compassion, a kind, gentle, successful business man and above all a loving husband and father. He was also known as a friend to all men and was loved by all. To Dan no man was a stranger. Dan and his wife Lena assisted the poor financially, helped the sick and fed the many strangers who came to their door hungry during the hard days of the Great Depression.

A successful Building Contractor, Dan built hundreds of homes. He called them “homes” and not “houses.” He also built a large “Transient Camp” for the Government in the early 1930s which including a hospital and many large buildings. At the time of his passing his death was recognized in local, regional and national newspapers (Associated Press, UPI, etc.)

His sense of humor was one that any Irishman would be proud of as he laughed, joked and played tricks on many people, including his wife, seven daughters and his sons in-law whom he loved as though they were his own sons.

Dan loved his beautiful Lena. He missed his two sons who passed away early in life. He once stated that among his happiest times was when he would return from his business at the end of each day to have seven little daughters run to greet him with hugs and kisses. He was such a tender and gentle man he was often moved to tears.

Although Dan and his beloved Lena enjoyed many successful years they also survived many, many difficult years, including the Great Depression of the 1930s, and the WAR years, World War I, World War II, Korean and Viet Nam Wars.

Dan loved his country and would shed a tear or more when the American flag was raised or passed by him at a parade. He was the youngest son of a Civil War veteran. He left a heritage of which his posterity can be proud.

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