

**Thurl C.**

## **Blackburn, 90**

Harlan · Thurl Curtis Blackburn, son of Charles and Julia Short Blackburn, was born in Vancouver, Wash., on Nov. 21, 1889. At the age of one, he moved with his parents to Iowa where he attended school and grew to adulthood. He enlisted in the army in June of 1917 and served in France during WWI. After receiving his honorable discharge in July of 1919, he returned to Iowa and made his home in Co. Bluffs.

On June 29, 1930, he married Leo Giles in Kansas City, Mo. One daughter was born to this union. They resided for many years in Co. Bluffs, where Thurl worked for the Co. Bluffs Gas Co. He retired in 1954 and continued to live in Co. Bluffs until 1961 when they moved to Neosho, Mo. In 1970 they moved to Harlan, and became residents of the Baptist Memorial Home. After Mrs Blackburn's death in 1979, Thurl has continued to make his home in Harlan.

Mr Blackburn died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Saturday, May 17, 1980, at age 90 years, 5 months and 26 days. He had been a long time member of the First Baptist church in Co. Bluffs and was currently an active member of the First Baptist church in Harlan.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife. His survivors include his daughter, Ruth (Mrs Jim) Johnson of Tulsa, Okla.; three grandchildren - James Michael, Anita and David Johnson; a sister, Mrs Merle Reinhart of Harlan; a brother, Glen Blackburn of Calif.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Tuesday, May 20, 1980, with Pastor C. Donald Thrash, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Harlan, officiating.

Funeral services were held at First Baptist church in Co. Bluffs, on Tuesday, May 20, 1980, with Rev. Robert P. Nelson, officiating.

Burial was in Memorial Park cemetery, Co. Bluffs, with Peter Smith, Melvin Smith, Jeff Rindone, Duane Hubbard, Willard Hopper and Harold D. Ballenger serving as casketbearers.