

George B. Cullison, 78

Harlan — George Bennett Cullison, son of Mary Gates and George Cullison was born Oct. 4, 1900 at Harlan. He died Monday, April 2, 1979 at his home in Harlan at age 78 years, 5 months and 28 days. Mr Cullison graduated from the Harlan high school in 1918. He attended Grinnell College and graduated from the University of Iowa Law School in 1924 and, was admitted to the Bar in June of that same year. In 1927 he married Anna May Romberg at Red Oak, and to this union three children were born. Mr Cullison practiced law in Harlan until 1951 when he was elected District Court Judge. In 1967 he became Chief Judge of the 15th, now the 4th, Judicial District and held this office until his retirement in 1975. Since that time he has been practicing law with his son, Bennett Jr. in Harlan.

Mr Cullison was mayor of Harlan, received Chamber's Man of the Years Award, State President Judges' Assn., Chairman-Committee on Probation and Parole Iowa Judges' Assn., Member of Legislative Court Study Commission, Chairman-Deferred Compensation (Pension) Iowa Dist. Judges' Assn., member First United Methodist church, Parion Lodge No. 321 AF & AM, Independent Order of Odd Fellows No. 267, and Elks Lodge No. 445.

Mr Cullison was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother - Shelby. Survivors include his wife - Anna May of Harlan, two sons - Bennett Jr. of Harlan and Alan of Hartford, Conn., one daughter - Margaret Spencer Cullison of Lafayette, Calif., by two sisters - Mrs Gatesie Fisher of LaGrange, Ill., and Mrs Nadine Page of Santa Ana, Calif., and nine grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 5, 1979 at the Harlan First United Methodist church with Rev. Larry LaVelle, officiating. The Burmeister Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of services. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Bennett Cullison Jr., Alan D. Cullison, Bennett Cullison III, Alan S. Cullison, Roger Bertrand, W.D. Schwartz, Leo Styrbecki, Jake S. More and Fred Louis Jr. serving as casketbearers.