

Thomas Duke

Thomas Henry Duke, son of Thomas and Eliza Duke, was born in Harlan, on Febr. 25, 1881. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, Jan. 8, 1977, at age 95 years, 10 months and 13 days. He attended school and grew to adulthood in Harlan. After completing school, he worked in Harlan. On Oct. 30, 1904, he married Mabel Hamblin at the home of her parents in Bowman's Grove. Six children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr Duke continued to work in Harlan where they made their home until 1911 when they moved to a farm north of Harlan in Douglas twp. After Mrs Duke's death in 1919, Mr Duke stayed on the farm and raised the children by himself. In 1931 he moved back to Harlan where he worked for the Post Office. On June 29, 1935, he married Delma Jurgenson at Denison. Mr and Mrs Duke made their home in Harlan and in 1972 became residents of the Baptist Memorial Home. This has been his home since that time. Mr Duke

attended the First United Methodist church in Harlan.

In addition to his parents and his first wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, William Duke and by a sister, Mrs Margaret Tague. His survivors include his wife, Delma, of Harlan; three sons - William and Guyle (Nick) Duke, both of Harlan and Max Duke of Spirit Lake; three daughters - Fern (Mrs Clifford Dent), Vera (Mrs Albert Wunder) and Dorothy (Mrs LeRoy Christensen) of Harlan; eight grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1977 with Rev John W. Nelson, administrator of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Lynn Wells, Paul Havick, Gage Wunder, Larry Wunder, Garland Barratt, Alan Christensen and Franklin Havick, Jr. serving as casketbearers.