



THE LIFE STORY OF —

## James Adolph Nelson, 98

IRWIN — James Adolph Nelson, the son of Jens Adolphsen and Tohmine Jacobine (Thorstensen) Nelson, was born May 8, 1887 at Hjoring, Denmark. He died at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan on Sept. 30, 1985, having attained the age of 98 years, 4 months, and 22 days.

At the age of three, he moved with his parents to the U.S., where they settled on a farm near Irwin. He attended country school near Irwin and helped on the family farm. As a young man of 16, he then went to work for area farmers as a farm hand.

On Dec. 14, 1910, he married Mamie Katherine Thomsen at her aunt and uncle's home in Cuppy's Grove. Four children were born to this union.

After they were married, the Nelsons farmed in the Cuppy's Grove, Jacksonville and Harlan vicinities until 1940. They then moved to Calif., and lived in the Los Angeles and San Diego areas.

During WW II, he worked in the ship yards and continued working there until 1950. He then worked as a chauffeur and gardener and especially loved working with flowers. In 1965, he retired and continued to live in Calif. until 1969, when he and Mamie moved back to Iowa, and with the help of their son built a home in Irwin. This was their home until 1981 when they became residents of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. On Feb. 26, 1985, she died and he then continued to live at the Baptist Memorial Home.

He was a member of the Merrill's Grove Baptist church at Fiscus for many years. He was also a member of the Irwin Keen-agers.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Lawrence and Tony; one sister, Laura Willadsen; one half brother, Iliff; and one half sister, Florence. He is survived by his four sons, Sheldon of Harlan; Dale of Medford, Oregon and both Lowell and Sterling of Manilla; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; one half-brother, Howard Krattet of Iowa City; nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 4, 1985 at the Merrill's Grove Baptist church at Fiscus with Pastor George J. Spencer, Officiating. Burial was in the Oakhill cemetery, Irwin with Mervin Nelson, Merrill Axland, Harley Mether, Jim Nelson, Adrian Nelson and Victor Julius all serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.