

Melvin Nelson, 66

Harlan — Melvin Nelson was born May 24, 1914 to Chris and Christina Damsgaard Nelson on a farm five miles southeast of Kirkman. He attended the country school and then the Kirkman school, graduating from Harlan high school in 1934. He then worked for his brother, Elmer, in Boone, for a few years.

On Dec. 25, 1939, he married Thelma Wiig in St. Paul's Lutheran church, in Irwin. Two children, were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed Walnut, and then moved into Irwin, where he worked as a carpenter. They later moved to Harlan, where he was employed as a cabinet maker for Knudson Bros. for 20 years until 1979, when he retired due to ill health. He has been a faithful member of Grace Baptist church in Harlan. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Sunday, May 17, 1981, at age 66 years, 11 months and 23 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Raymond, and a half brother, Harry Christensen. Survivors include his wife, Thelma of Harlan; his son and daughter, Jerry Lee of Co. Bluffs and Julie (Mrs Terry) French of Underwood; nine grandchildren, one half brother, Elmer Christensen of Boone, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Grace Baptist church on Tuesday, May 19, 1981 with Pastor Robert Baker, officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Ted Sorensen, Lester Meyers, George Hansen, Thomas Nelson, Chris Sorensen, Paul M. Larsen, Clifford Hanson and Anker Eastergard serving as honorary casketbearers and Hilmer I. Wiig, Don Christensen, Danny Mickelson, Howard Mickelson, Carroll Kallevig and Allyn Christensen as casketbearers.