

Russell Nelson, 63

Irwin — Russell Nelson, son of Inger Thompson and Tom Nelson was born Oct. 11, 1915 in Polk twp., Shelby county. He died Tuesday, March 13, 1979 at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan at age 63 years, 5 months and two days.

Russell attended country school in Polk twp. At an early age he started farming with his brother. He married Athletha Jedele on Oct. 19, 1941 in Denison. In 1942 he entered the Army and served in Africa and Europe during WW II. Following service he farmed in the Irwin area for 16 years and has been a carpenter in Irwin since 1962. He was baptized and confirmed at the St. Paul's church and has been a very active member all of his life.

Mr Nelson was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers - Neil and one in infancy and three sisters - Charlotte Ostebee, Isabel Wiig and one in infancy. Survivors include his wife - Aletha of Irwin, one son - James of Columbus, Neb., one daughter - Colleen (Mrs Tim Classen) of Waco, Neb., two brothers - Luther of Spicer, Minn., and Thomas of Irwin, three sisters - Mrs Mollie Knudson and Mrs Ina Duke, both of Harlan and Mrs Lula Hodnefield of Lakefield, Minn., by four grandchildren; Amy, Angela, Andrea and Nicole and other relatives.

Funeral services were Thursday, March 15, 1979 at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Irwin with Pastor Emil Martinson officiating. Burial was in the Danway cemetery with Greg Duncan, Hilmer Wiig, Keith Benson, Melvin Knudson, Loren C. Ostebee and Darrell E. Nelson serving as casketbearers.

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