

THE LIFE STORY OF —

Martin W. Nielsen, 84

Cuppy's Grove — Martin William Nielsen, son of Christian E. and Hannah Sorenson Nielsen, was born on a farm in Fairview twp. in Shelby county on June 9, 1893. He died at his home near Avoca on Dec. 19, 1977 at age 84 years, six months and 10 days. He was baptized in the Altamont Baptist church. He attended the Fairview No. 6 country school and grew to adulthood on his parents' farm. After completing his schooling, he farmed with his father. On Dec. 25, 1914, he married Isabel Jensen at her parent's home at 610 Willow in Harlan. Four children were born to this union.

After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Nielsen farmed near Avoca for about five years. In 1920 they moved to a farm east of Harlan, where they made their home until 1940. They then moved back to Fairview twp. and this has been their home since that time. Mr and Mrs Nielsen would have celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary this Christmas. Martin was a life time member of the Altamont Baptist church and served in many capacities, including Deacon.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters - Effie Plunkett and Leah Lee. Survivors include his wife, Isabel, of rural Avoca; two daughters, Darlene (Mrs Don Blakely) of Harlan and Phyllis (Mrs Glen Yeager) of Pittsburg, Calif.; two sons - Kenneth Nielsen of Olympia Fields, Ill. and Leo Nielsen of rural Avoca; ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, by two brothers - Walter Nielsen of rural Avoca and P. W. Madson of Harlan a sister, Alice Madson of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Altamont Baptist church at Cuppy's Grove on Thursday, Dec. 22, 1977, with Pastor C. Donald Thrash, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Cuppy's Grove cemetery with Gerry Greve, Calvin Nielsen, Eugene Nielsen, Ronald Nielsen, Vernon Nielsen and Richard Nielsen serving as casketbearers.
