

Ralph William Nielsen, 85

Ralph William Nielsen, son of Kjeld and Christiana (Berger) Nielsen, was born Dec. 22, 1886 in Omaha. He attended school in Omaha and at age 13, moved with his parents to a farm near Fiscus. There he grew to adulthood.

On April 10, 1917, Ralph married Clara Lansman at her parents home north of Fiscus. After their marriage, they farmed for a few years before moving to Omaha in 1924. There he operated the Minne Lusa Dairy with his brother for several years. He then operated the Parkside Dairy until 1948. For the next 15 years, he sold real estate until retiring in 1962. The Nielsen's moved to Harlan in 1977 and this has been their home since that time.

Mr Nielsen was a member of the Calvary Baptist church in Omaha for over 50 years. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Nov. 28, 1982 at age 85, 11 months and six days.

In addition to his parents, Ralph was preceded in death by an infant son, Richard; one brother, Nels Winters and two sisters, Anna and Minnie. He is survived by his wife, Clara of Harlan; one brother, Arthur Winters of Marshalltown; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, Nov. 30, 1982 with Rev. John H. Ashley, interim pastor of First Baptist church, officiating and Pastor Robert C. Baker of Grace Baptist Church, assisting. Burial was in the Merrill's Grove cemetery, Shelby county, with Dave Lansman, Gerald Lansman, Harold Lansman, Robert E. Lansman, Donald G. Sorensen and Merlin J. Sorensen serving as casketbearers.