

Rasmus P. Scott, 94

Rasmus Petersen Scott, the son of Peter and Margrethe Skojdt, was born Nov. 25, 1889, at Randers, Denmark. Rasmus was baptized and confirmed at a Lutheran church in Denmark. He attended school and also Carpenter Trade school in Denmark before coming to the U.S. in 1910. He then came to Harlan by train and lived for a short time with his aunt and uncle, Andrew Henricksens. He then worked near Jacksonville, as a carpenter.

On July 16, 1918, he married Harriett Nielsen at her parents home near Jacksonville. Four children were born to this union. Shortly after their marriage, he enlisted in the U.S. Army on Aug. 30, 1918 at Harlan. He served his country during World War I as a Private in the 163rd Depot Brigade at Camp Dodge, Ia. After his Honorable Discharge on Dec. 24, 1918, he returned to the Harlan area and began farming two miles west of Jacksonville. They continued to farm until 1954, when he retired, but continued to live on the farm until 1981, when they moved to Harlan. This has been their home since that time.

They were honored to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary this past July 16. He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran church at Jacksonville. He died at the Memorial hospital in Harlan on Sunday, Feb. 19, 1984, at the age of 94 years, 2 months and 25 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. In addition to his wife Harriett of Jacksonville, he is survived by two daughters, Shirley (Mrs LaVerne) Hansen of Kirkman and Margaret (Mrs Paul A.) Pauley of Harlan; two sons, Norman of Manilla and Paul of Harlan; 12 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren; one sister, Karen Selsmark of Copenhagen, Denmark; nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1984 at the Bethlehem Lutheran church at Jacksonville with Pastor Oliver S. Solberg as the officiate. Burial was in the Jacksonville cemetery, Jacksonville with Larry Scott, Monte Hansen, Byron Hansen, Harriett Nielsen, Redgie Hansen and Russell Ahrenholtz all as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.