



Homer Allen, 101

HARLAN - Homer Alexander Allen, the son of James C. and Harriot (Rusie) Allen, was born at Eagleville, MO., Feb. 6, 1888. He died Aug. 23, 1989 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital, Harlan, at age 101 years, six months and 17 days. He attended the Pilburn school until 1902, at which time he lived with his family and helped his father farm. In the fall of 1906, he went to the Cripple Creek gold mine in CO., to work as a carpenter and weigh clerk. He remained at this job until the spring of 1911 when a bout of typhoid fever forced him to leave the high altitude.

He bought 100 acres of land and on Dec. 14, 1911, he married Doris Hickman of Ridgeway, MO.; at her parents home. To this union three children were born. After their marriage, he purchased additional land and they farmed near Ridgeway until 1933. They then moved to Nodaway County, MO., and this was their home

until 1936 when they moved to a farm in Shelby County. In 1942, they retired and moved to Harlan and lived there until they returned to Bethany, MO., in 1947. They returned to Harlan in 1952 to make their home at 1311 Durant St. Mrs Allen died May 3, 1978. He has made his home with his daughter since 1980.

He was affiliated with the United Methodist Church in Harlan. He was a well known livestockman and farmer. He was a board member of the Harlan Production Credit Association for many years, and organized the Brome-Alfalfa Club of Shelby County in the early 1940's, as well as being a member of the Angus Association, the Hereford Association and the Woodman of the World.

In addition to his parents and his wife of 64 years, he was preceded in death by five brothers and five sisters.

He is survived by a daughter, Loree of Harlan; two sons, Keith of Avoca and Ted of Harlan; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Aug. 26, 1989 at the Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. D. Stephen Clinton of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Kevin Allen, Samuel Allen, Jeffrey Allen, Joseph Allen, Charles Cave, Stephen Allen and Gerald Elmlinger serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.