

J. Earl Anderson, 98 ✓

HARLAN - J. Earl Anderson, son of Rasmus and Anna (Olson) Anderson, was born July 16, 1890 in Kirkman. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, Feb. 2, 1989, at age 98 years, six months and 17 days. He grew to adulthood on his parents farm, attending country school. He was baptized and confirmed in St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Irwin, but joined the Methodist Church at Kirkman in 1917. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan. During WW I, he served his country in the U.S. Army.

May 20, 1918, he married Bernice Adelaide Slates in Minneapolis, MN. Two daughters were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed southeast of Kirkman until 1945 when they moved to their home at 1220 College Blvd. For several years, he continued an active interest in agriculture and soil conservation. Other activities that provided an interest to him were the Shelby County Historical Society, Garden Club and senior citizens action center. After the death of his wife in 1974, he continued to make his home on College Blvd. until 1978 when he moved to Westridge Apartments. He became a resident of Baptist Memorial Home in Nov. of 1987 and this has been his home since that time.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by four sisters, Jennie, Alvah, Eunice and Leta; and two brothers, Lynn and Marion. He is survived by two daughters, Ruth Ann (Mrs J. Tom) Stewart of Honolulu, HI and Ramona (Mrs Wayne) Barkman of Hot Springs, AR; one sister, Hazel (Mrs Charles) Buckman of Chula Vista, CA; two granddaughter and one grandson, five great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 6, 1989 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor George Gibson of First United Methodist Church in Harlan officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, Kirkman with Wm. Weber, Simond Mathiasen, Wilmer E. Petersen and Edward U. Christiansen serving as honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Fred Louis, Vic Morgan, Archie Petersen, Marlow Clemons, H. Rand Petersen and Robert E. Lansman.