

Ted Allen, 84

Dec. 31, 1920 - March 18, 2005

HARLAN — Ted Merle Allen was born Dec. 31, 1920, to Doris Hickman Allen and Homer A. Allen on a farm near Ridgeway, MO. He attended school in Harrison County, MO, until 1933, when he moved with his family to the old Bilby Ranch west of Maryville, MO. In 1936, the family moved to a farm south of Harlan. Ted attended Harlan High School, where he actively participated in football, basketball, and baseball. He graduated in 1939.

Jan. 10, 1942, Ted married Eleanor Arentson, and to this union four sons were born, Stephen, Joseph, Jeffrey, and Samuel. The family lived on a 400-acre farm south of Harlan, where he worked hard tilling the soil and caring for livestock. His feedlots were always full of cattle. Ted was an active member of the Baptist Church and was named Shelby County's Cattleman of the Year in 1973. Ted and Eleanor retired from the farm and moved to Harlan in December of 1973, but he continued to go to the farm every day to help. In 1978, they moved to Maryville, MO, where he served as a representative for A.O. Smith. Ted and Eleanor returned to Harlan in 1980 and lived on Durant Street until moving to Elm Crest in 1995. He died March 18, 2005, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 84 years, two months and 18 days.

In addition to his parents, Ted was preceded in death by his sister, Loree Allen and his brother, Keith Allen. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor; his son, Stephen Allen (Jane) of Basking Ridge, NJ; son, Joseph Allen (Karen) of Austin, TX; son, Jeffrey Allen (Linda) of Rogers, AR; son, Samuel Allen (Jill) of Clayton, NC; eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Nancy Allen of Harlan; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 21, 2005, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Jim Warren officiating. Private family burial services were held in the Harlan Cemetery with Glenn French, Gene Arentson, Kelly Doonan, Verl Arentson, Ralph Hansen, and Stan Martens casket bearers.

