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Martin Axland, 86

May 19, 1912 - Dec. 12, 1998 ✓

HARLAN - Martin Olai Axland, son of Peder and Anna (Thompson) Axland was born near Irwin May 19, 1912. He was baptized and confirmed in Norwegian at St. Paul's Lutheran Church when it was located south of Irwin. He attended country school and also the Irwin School. He began in the radio business by repairing radios for his friends and neighbors. Later he had a shop in Irwin. He was the only radio repairman in Shelby County during World War II.

Oct. 15, 1965 he married Carrie Cushing at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. They made their home in Harlan where he operated Axland Radio and TV for many years. His first shop was on Durant Street before moving to Hill Street. He sold his shop in 1979. He died Dec. 12, 1998 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 86 years, 6 months and 24 days.

In addition to his parents and his wife Carrie in 1989, Martin was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters: Stanley Axland, Christina Mellerup, George Axland and Gertie Jensen. Survivors include nieces and nephews Delores Andersen (Keith) of Harlan, Dale Mellerup (Peggy), step nephew and niece Donald Swensen (Inez) and Dolly Steppuhn; friends Larry Miller and She Brown and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 16, 1998 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan with Rev. Henry Flessner officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with She Brown, Darrell Burger, Rita Finken, Cindy Hulbert, Vernon Brue and Virgil Carter casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.