

Ray Barnett, 95

Nov. 21, 1896 — March 1, 1992

HARLAN — Ray Eugene "Barney" Barnett, son of Frank and Gertrude (Sullivan) Barnett was born Nov. 21, 1896, in Piedmont, MO. He attended a Country Grade School, and Piedmont High School. He then attended Missouri State College in Cape Girardeau, MO., where he specialized in the electrical field. May 23, 1918, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving his country during WW I with the American Expeditionary Force in Europe. After his honorable discharge Oct. 8, 1919, he returned to the States where he worked for G.T.E. Automatic Electrical Company out of Chicago, IL. In Oct. of 1939, his company sent him to Harlan, on a job with the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company installing telephone equipment.

March 15, 1941, he and Mabel Fymbo were married in Pensecola, FL. After their marriage, he installed telephone systems in many southern states and in 1944, in Saudi Arabia. In 1948, they purchased a house in Oklahoma City, where he continued installation of communications systems in many State and Federal Penitentiaries including Alcatraz. Another big job was installing the communication system at the University of TX. After his retirement in 1967, they moved back to Harlan to be near Mabel's mother, Gertrude Donahue. Nov. of 1987, he became a resident of the Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling, and this has been his home since that time. He died March 1, 1992, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 95 years, 3 months and 9 days. He as a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Masonic Lodge in TX. He was a WW II Veteran.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Blanche McNally. He is survived by his wife, Mabel Barnett of Harlan, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 3, 1992, at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Otto A. Zwanziger of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Onawa cemetery at Onawa, with Military rites conducted by the Monona County V.F.W., Post #2694. Casketbearers were Dale Brown, Gust Sindt, Wayne O. Fink, Robert J. Nelson, LaVern A. Petsche, and Anker C. Rasmussen. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.