

Harold Brensel, 86

July 28, 1919 - Nov. 28, 2005

HARLAN — Harold LeRoy Brensel, son of Johann Fred and Emma (Boshé) Brensel, was born July 28, 1919, at Manilla. He attended country school in Panama and later in Earling. After school, he farmed near Dunlap. Dec. 3, 1943, Harold joined the United States Navy where during World War II, he served on the USS Comet, a troop transport ship. He served his country honorably until April 29, 1946, when he was discharged at Minneapolis, MN:

May 18, 1946, Harold married Dorothy Baker in Harlan. Four children were born to this union, Harold Lee, Carmen, Rick and David. After their marriage, they made their home in Harlan. He was employed with Squealer Feeds and drove truck for them for over 45 years. Harold and Dorothy celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary in May of 2003, just before Dorothy died June 1, 2003, in Harlan. He died Nov. 28, 2005, in Harlan at age 86 years and four months.

In addition to his parents, and his wife, Dorothy, Harold was preceded in death by his children, Carmen and Rick, and his brothers and sisters, Ed Brensel, Raymond Brensel, Earl Brensel, Alfred Brensel, Edna Brensel, Lavern Larson, Lillian Norris, Viola Fry, Ella Kroger, and Alice Lohse. Survivors include his son, Harold Brensel (Marlene); daughter-in-law, Shirley Brensel; and son, Dave Brensel, all of Harlan; his grandchildren, Lisa Zamago, Nate Brensel (Katie), Amy Brensel, Aaron Brensel, and Justin Brensel; five great-grandchildren; his sister, Irene Thompson of Dow City and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 1, 2005, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Rev. Al Hazelton officiating. Military rites were conducted in the Harlan Cemetery by the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 and the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941. Casket bearers were Nate Brensel, Mark Kaufman, Aaron Brensel, Vernon Buschkamp, Bob Clark and Justin Brensel.

