

Ellsworth V. Graves, 84 ✓

Feb. 1, 1907 — July 15, 1991

HARLAN – Ellsworth Vernon Graves, son of John and Eva (Vernon) Graves was born Feb. 1, 1907 in Center twp., Shelby county. He attended country school growing up on his parents farm, the oldest of ten children. At age 14, he began driving a truck.

June 11, 1930, he married Elsie Nelson of Shelby. They made their home in Harlan where he was employed as a truck driver. In 1959, he moved to Avoca, and continued his trucking occupation as a long distance driver. In 1980, he retired from trucking, and continued to make his home in Avoca until April of 1990, when he became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. This has been his home since that time. He was the father of five children – two daughters and three sons. He died July 15, 1991, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 84 years, five months and 14 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents, a brother, Leonard; a sister, Clara; an infant brother, and a grandson, Brian. Surviving him are two daughters, Nancy (Keith) Allen of Avoca; and Maurine (Danny) Mickelson of Harlan; three sons, Cyrus Graves of Yourba Linda, CA.; Charles Graves of Huntington Beach, CA.; and Roger Graves of Cupertino, CA.; one step son, Leroy Holtz of Akron, OH.; and one step-daughter, Shirley (Stan) Petersen of Omaha, NE.; four sisters, Lillian "Tot" (Mrs Lorie) Crabtree of Santa Ana, CA.; Bernice (Mrs Leonard) Larsen of Harlan; Evelyn Schnabel of Tustin, CA.; and Virginia (Mrs Bill) Capps of Santa Ana; two brothers, Frank Graves of Bellington, WA.; and Walter "Buster" Graves of Tustin, CA.; 15 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 18, 1991 at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Janne A. Clinton of First United Methodist Church, Officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Kevin Allen, Gary Larsen, Charles Cave, Chris Larsen, Ronald Sornsen, and Norman Waltmann, casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.