

Gerald J. Grabill, 85

Feb. 27, 1917 - Aug. 1, 2002

HARLAN – Gerald Jay Grabill was born to Bernice E. (Synder) and Herman Grabill Feb. 27, 1917, in Center Township. He attended school at Center Township.

Oct. 5, 1940, he married Gladys M. Knudsen at Walnut. To this union two children were born. They farmed near Defiance from 1941 to 1953, at which time they purchased a farm near Shelby. In 1968, they moved to the farm where Gerald was born in Center Township. He remained on the farm until May of 1999. He became a resident of Salem Lutheran Home Assisted Living in Elk Horn, and later, in October 1999, Elm Crest Retirement Community Assisted Living in Harlan. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Harlan. He died Aug. 1, 2002, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 85 years, five months and five days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys, Dec. 24, 1996, and one brother, Merwin Grabill. He is survived by his children, Carole (Howard) Thraen of Harlan and Dennis Grabill of Harlan; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 3, 2002, at Pauley Funeral Home with the Rev. Jack McClure, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery with Sara Grabill, Daniel Grabill, Mark Clark, Prudy Kloewer, Stephanie Thraen and Mike Kloewer casket bearers.

