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## **Walter W. Kelley, 84**

*June 9, 1909 - Jan. 28, 1994*

**Harlan** - Walter Wesley Kelley, son of William and Etta (Weatherill) Kelley, was born June 9, 1909 at Panama. He died at the Baptist Memorial Home Jan. 28, 1994 at age 84 years, 7 months, and 19 days. He attended country school near Panama, and grew to adulthood on the family farm near Panama.

Sept. 16, 1928 he married Clara B. Thielen at Harlan. Two sons, William and Tom were born to this union. They lived in the Panama area until New Year's of 1930, when they moved to the Harlan area using a team of horses. He has always enjoyed horses and still owned purebred painted horses. He was a member of the Shelby County Saddle Club for many years. They farmed east of Harlan until Jan. of 1984, when they moved into Harlan. Walt and Clara were privileged to have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Sept. of 1988. He continued to make his home on Seventh Street in Harlan, until Sept. 24, 1990, when he became a resident in the Baptist Memorial Home.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Clara, in April of 1989, his son, William "Bill" in March of 1987, three brothers: Tom, George and Charles Kelley; and two sisters, Mrs. Blanche Benjamin, and Mrs. Jennie Mae Behrendt. He is survived by one son, Tom (Sandra) of Harlan; his daughter-in-law, Alice Kelley of Mesa, AZ; six grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Mabel Heimermann at the Little Flower Haven in Earling; and by his nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 31, 1994 at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Don Schoepf of First Christian Church in Harlan officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Perry Kelley, Earl Kelley, Clifford Behrendt, Robert Heimermann, Charlie Benjamin and Raymond Andersen casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.