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## **Wilmer Knudsen, 88** √

*March 12, 1917 - Nov. 18, 2005*

**HARLAN** — Wilmer Lester Knudsen, son of Peter Marinus and Olga Sophie (Jacobsen) Knudsen, was born March 12, 1917, in Fiscus. He was raised in Shelby County. Wilmer served in the United States Navy during World War II. Upon returning from the service in 1945, he worked selling eggs, milk, and poultry on a cream route.

Oct. 11, 1968, Wilmer married Mary Lois Larsen in Lincoln, NE. He worked in sales, and was employed in the Sales Department of Harlan Manufacturing (Jacobs Tools) for many years. He retired in 1979. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Harlan and was a 50-year member of the Parian Lodge 321 A.F. & A.M. in Harlan. He died Nov. 18, 2005, at his home in Harlan at age 88 years, eight months, and six days.

Wilmer was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Marvin Knudsen; and one sister, Agness Shaffer. Survivors include his wife, Mary L. Knudsen of Harlan; one brother, Jack (Grace Ann) Knudsen of Harlan; and other relatives.

No services are planned at this time. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.