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James Kohel, 89

April 19, 1911 – Nov. 14, 2000

HARLAN – James Kohel was born April 19, 1911, in Omaha, NE, to Frank Kohel and Theresia Hambek Kohel.

Jan. 9, 1934, he married Mary F. Nelson. He was a retired switchman for Union Pacific Railroad. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. They moved to rural Council Bluffs in 1949, and in 1958, they moved to the city of Council Bluffs. They moved to Harlan in 1993. He died Nov. 14, 2000, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 89.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Mary F. Kohel of Harlan; his son, Russell J. Kohel (Joyce) of College Station, TX; daughter, Joanne E. Nelson (Paul) of Irwin; six grandchildren; three sisters, Mary Norlen, Two Harbors, MN; Alice Olson, Two Harbors, MN and Helen Koepke, Zim, MN; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 18, 2000, at the Cutler Funeral Chapel in Council Bluffs, with Rev. Gundar Lamperts of the First Baptist Church, Harlan, officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery in Council Bluffs.