

Henry Paulsen, 87

April 30, 1915 - March 8, 2003

HARLAN – Henry Arthur Paulsen was born April 30, 1915, in Lincoln Township, Audubon County to Henry and Evaline Hass Paulsen, Sr., and was one of five children. He attended Viola Township Country School graduating from the 12th grade. He made his profession of faith and was baptized in 1939, in Merrill's Grove Baptist Church, where he later served as Sunday School Superintendent, Deacon, and as a sponsor of the youth group.

Henry married Edna Lucille Nelson April 5, 1940, at Merrill's Grove Baptist Church, Fiscus. They were the parents of three children, Wayne, Reuben and Mary Kay. Henry worked as a trucker for Jorgensen brothers in Fiscus, and was employed by Raymond Merk, a prominent cattle feeder before he and Lucille began farming in the Audubon and Fiscus vicinity. In the winter of 1957, Dennis Stock, a free lance writer for *Life and Look* magazine and *Encyclopedia Britannica*, spent a few days doing studies of the daily life of people in rural areas. He stayed with the Paulsens and the article he wrote was the source of material used by J.F.K. in an article featured in the magazine, issued Dec. 18, 1962, on Arts, featuring music in the home. In 1978, Henry retired from farming. He and Lucille moved to their home in Harlan. After Henry's retirement, he went to work for Pauley Funeral Home for 11 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Harlan. He died March 8, 2003, at Alegent Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 87 years, 10 months and eight days.

His parents and two brothers, Marvin and Herman, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Lucille of Harlan; his children, Dr. Wayne Paulsen (Julie) of Franklin, OH; Reuben Paulsen (Jo Ann) of Overland Park, KS; and Mary Kay (Rev. Kjeld) Grarup of Hjorring, Denmark; six grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; his sister, Lily Goddard of Coon Rapids; and his brother, Alvin Paulsen of Audubon; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 12, 2003, at the First Baptist Church in Harlan, with Rev. Gundar Lamberts and Dr. Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was at the Harlan Cemetery. Casket bearers were Jeffrey Paulsen, Terrill Paulsen, Scott A. Fast, Chuck Knapp, John L. Gilliland, Jr., and Henry Leuck. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

