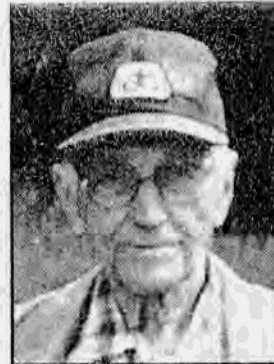


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## Robert Paulsen, 96

Jan. 10, 1911 - June 1, 2007

**HARLAN** – Robert Oliver Henry Paulsen, one of eleven children of Nels P. and Dora (Sorensen) Poulson, was born Jan. 10, 1911, in Jackson Township in rural Shelby County. He grew up on his family's farm outside of Jacksonville and attended country school at Jackson Township No. 3. After school, he stayed home and helped his father on their farm.



Aug. 26, 1931, Robert married Evelyn Pearl McIntosh in Omaha, NE. To this union three children were born: Virginia, Barbara, and Thomas. After their marriage, Bob and Evelyn moved to a place north of Irwin and farmed there until 1940 when they moved to the farm he was born on near Jacksonville until 1976 when he retired. Part of the original home on the family farm also served as a

temporary school for Jackson Township No. 3 until a separate school house could be built. Bob was one of the first flying farmers in Shelby County and at one time had a designated runway on his farm where he flew his 8E Luscombe airplane. He also took great pride in his farm and the family heritage on that farm that dated back to 1903. In 1982 Bob and Evelyn moved into Harlan. In March of 2005, they made their home at the Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan, and this is where he died June 1, 2007, at age ninety-six years, four months and twenty-two days.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters: Harvey, Lillie, Violet, Edgar, Everette, Ralph, Olive, Vernon, Lowell and Dorothy. He is survived by his wife Evelyn Paulsen of Harlan; his children: Virginia (Rayond) Hughes, Jr. of Beverly Hills, FL, Barbara (Harry) Budd of Ames, and Thomas Paulsen (Ruth) of Harlan; six grandchildren; twelve grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 5, 2007, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Rev. Dave Swinton officiating. Honorary casket bearers were his grandchildren: Steve Hughes, Sandy Van deventer, Thomas Budd, Lisa Sasso, James Budd, and David Hughes. Casket bearers were Tom Paulsen, Harry Budd, Curt Bladt, Todd Bladt, Eldon Paulsen, and Raymond Hughes. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery.