

## Virgil Thompson, 79

April 17, 1914 - July 19, 1993

**HARLAN** — Virgil Curtis Thompson, son of David and Alvena (Layman) Thompson was born April 17, 1914 at Avoca. He died July 19, 1993 at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 79 years, three months and two days. He attended school in the Avoca and Carson areas, and grew to adulthood helping on area farms.

Feb. 19, 1941, he married Mildred Rold. They farmed near Avoca for the next two years. Jan. 5, 1943, he entered the U.S. Army Air Force, serving his country during WW II. After his honorable discharge on Nov. 3, 1945, he returned to the Avoca area where he resumed farming and raising cattle. At age 64, he retired due to ill health, but continued his interest in horses. In 1990, they moved to their present home in Harlan, and this has been their home since that time. He was a charter member of the Rawhidors Saddle Club in Atlantic, and served as president for several years. He was also a charter member of the Walnut Saddle Club, served on the board of the Shelby County Saddle Club, and was a member of the Anita Saddle Club. After WW II, he was baptized and joined the Altamont Baptist Church, and several years later became a charter member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Walnut where he served as a trustee. He was a member of the Fred Funston American Legion, Post #227 of Avoca, and the Shelby County V.F.W. Post #941 of Harlan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Jim. He is survived by his wife, Mildred of Harlan; nephew, David (Jan) of Buckley, WA.; 4 brothers, Nelson (Agnes) of Oakland; Valuent (Shirley) of Missoula, MT.; Albert (Eileen) of Kent, WA.; and Robert of Walnut; 3 sisters, Mary (Dick) Christensen of Sun City, AZ.; Ruth (Lawrence) Frye of Seymore; and Ida Johnson of Avoca; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 22, 1993 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Joe Osborn of Grace Baptist Church in Harlan, officiating. Military rites were conducted at Cuppy's Grove cemetery, rural Harlan, by the Shelby County V.F.W., Post #941 of Harlan and the Fred Funston American Legion Post #227 of Avoca. Honorary casketbearers were Ivan Lee and Eugene Nielsen. Casketbearers were Neal Schirm, Bryan Thompson, Jim Swensen, Lawrence Rold, Wayne Nielsen and Don Henderson. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.