

Ernest Wilson Zimmerman, 104

SHELBY - Ernest Wilson Zimmerman was born near Shelby, Jan. 28, 1886. He was the son of William and Sarah Kern Zimmerman. He was one of four children in the family.

He married Carrie Rosetta (Zetta) Gill Feb. 21, 1912. He had met Zetta at church functions and had courted her in his horse and buggy. They first made their home on a farm five miles northwest of Shelby. He moved off the farm in 1936 and did custom work such as plowing gardens and mowing weeds for the town and the railroad. After he sold his horses he worked on various farms and did custom butchering. They were the parents of three sons, Alfred, Ralph and Glenn. He was an active member of the Shelby Presbyterian Church. Zetta died Jan. 17, 1966. He remained in his own home in Shelby, which he shared with his son, Alfred (Dorothie) until April of 1987, when he became a resident of the Baptist Home in Harlan. He died at the Baptist Home, Nov. 2, 1990 at age 104 years, 9 months and 4 days. He was the oldest resident of Shelby.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Zetta; one son, Ralph and one granddaughter, Thelma Sindt. Survivors are two sons, Alfred (Dorothie) of Shelby and Glenn (Betty) of Harlan; daughter-in-law, Sadie Zimmerman of Shelby; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 6, 1990 at the Presbyterian Church in Shelby. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery. Pastor Vince Nelson officiated. Knutson Funeral Home in Avoca, in charge of arrangements.