

Gerald E. Frank, 88

Dec. 8, 1909 - Jan. 18, 1998

HARLAN - Gerald Edward Frank, son of August and Viola (Ferry) Frank, was born Dec. 8, 1909, on a farm near Irwin. In 1916, he moved with his family to a farm east of Kirkman. He graduated from the Kirkman High School in 1928. He was a school bus driver for the Kirkman School from the time he was in the eighth grade.

He married Maude Alice Fogarty May 24, 1933, at the Methodist Parsonage in Harlan. Two children were born to this union, Sandra Sue and Gail Eugene. He drove a truck for several years for Farm Bureau Business. They then moved to Defiance where he worked for the county using heavy equipment. Several years later they moved back to Kirkman where he farmed until his retirement from farming in 1969. They then made their home in Harlan until the present time. While living in Harlan, Gerald was employed as a heavy equipment operator for Shelby County until his retirement in 1973. Gerald was a member of the Kirkman United Methodist Church where he served on the church board. He also served on the Kirkman School Board and was a follower of his children's school activities in sports and music. After his retirement, he began doing woodworking as a hobby, making many things from walnut wood for his family and their homes. He became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in 1996, later being joined by his wife, Maude. Dec. 24, 1997, he entered Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs, and this is where he died Jan. 18, 1998, at age 88 years, one month and 10 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Maude of Harlan; his daughter, Sandra Kelley of Harlan; his son, Gail Frank (Sheryl) of Oklahoma City, OK; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren; a sister, Marjorie (Willard) Ratliff of Los Angeles, CA, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 21, 1998, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Joseph P. Boysen of the Kirkman United Methodist Church officiating. Casket bearers were Jeffrey Kelley, Brian Kelley, Todd Kelley, Stacey Kelley, Shelley Frank and Monte Frank.