

## Gaillard Ray Heflin, 85

**Dec. 5, 1908 - Dec. 9, 1993**

**Harlan** - Gaillard Ray Heflin, son of Luke and Mary Hulda (Obrecht) Heflin, was born in Center Township, Shelby County Dec. 5, 1908. He attended school at Windy Knoll School, a Center Township Country School, and graduated from Harlan High School in 1927.

June 2, 1931, he married Thelma E. Cade in Harlan. The couple farmed in Center Township for many years. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Harlan and was active in the Shelby County Historical Society. He was past-president of the Shelby County Fair Board and was a charter member of the Shelby County Saddle Club. For four winters, he had participated as a volunteer at Heifer Project International, in MA and AR. He had been active in the Parian Masonic Lodge #321 A.F. & A.M., and was past-master of the organization. He died Dec. 9, 1993, at his home at age 85 years and 4 days. His body was donated to the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences in Des Moines.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Paul and Jay Hoyt. Survivors include his wife, Thelma of Harlan; two sons, Kenneth (Nancy) Heflin of Redlands, CA, and Dennis (Linda) Heflin of Harlan; one daughter, Mary Beth (John) Higbie of Irving, TX; two



sisters, Lela Ferry of Harlan, and Helen Nelson of Harlan; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Dec. 11, 1993, at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan, with Rev. Paul Wilcox and Dr. Ken Heflin officiating. Memorials may be made to Shelby County Historical Society, the First United Methodist Church in Harlan, or Heifer Project International in Rutland, MA. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.