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Ray Henry Larson, 83

Jan. 11, 1916 – July 17, 1999

HARLAN – Ray Henry Larson, son of Henry and Josephine (Gibbs) Larson, was born Jan. 11, 1916, in Center Township, rural Shelby County. After attending Rabbit Hollow Country School in Center Township, he graduated from Harlan High School in 1934, where he was center on the football team.

Feb. 8, 1940, he married Leona Ruth ^{DOONAN} Larson at the Immanuel Lutheran Church Parsonage in Harlan. The couple briefly farmed southeast of Manilla, and then for many years in Shelby County, first near Elk Horn, then near Kirkman and later near Corley. They became residents of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn in 1995. Ruth died April 7, 1998, in Harlan. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. He raised Chester White breeding stock hogs. He died July 17, 1999, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 83 years, six months and six days.

Preceding Ray in death were his parents; his wife, Ruth; one brother, Gene Larson; and one sister, Vera Smith. Survivors include one son, Merle (Veva) Larson of Oakland; one daughter, Donna Rae (David) Anderson of Denison; four grandchildren, Staci (Randy) Rohlk, Greg Anderson, Beth Larson and Joy Larson; one great grandson, Jordan Rohlk; one great granddaughter, Autumn Rohlk; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 20, 1999, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Jon Benson officiating. Casket bearers were Kent Witt, Dalton Jensen, Craig Clemons, Bruce Bruck, Carlyle Larson and Rev. David Erickson. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.