

Clayton Mitten, 84

May 22, 1907 — Jan. 26, 1992

HARLAN — Clayton Everett Mitten, son of John and Jennie (Waldo) Mitten was born May 22, 1907, on a farm in Polk Township, Shelby County, the oldest of four sons. He attended Polk Twp. School, growing to adulthood on his parents farm.

Nov. 25, 1926, he married Johanna Christensen at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. Two sons and two daughters were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Redline, for several years when he raised, trained, and showed Appaloosa horses. In the early 1940's, the family moved to the Herman Nielsen farm north of Harlan where they raised sheep along with their farming operation. After their children had grown and moved away from home, they returned to his homeplace near Redline. He later worked for Farm Bureau driving trucks. After selling their farm they moved to Cresthaven for five years before moving to Harlan. For 18 years, they traveled by car to Mesa, AZ., where they spent their winters. In 1990, because of failing health, they moved back to Harlan, where he became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home. He was admitted to Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Dec. of 1991, and it was there that he died Jan. 26, 1992, at age 84 years, eight months and four days. They were privileged to have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last Nov. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Harlan, and the Shelby County Saddle Club.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Waldo, and one granddaughter, Cynthia. Surviving is his wife, Johanna of the Baptist Memorial



home in Harlan; his son, JaVain (Norma) Mitten of Hamilton, MO.; his son, Merlyn (Ada) Mitten of Kansas City, MO.; his daughter, Marlene (Kenneth) Larsen of Calistoga, CA.; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; two brothers, Leland Mitten of Nixa, MO.; and Floyd Mitten of Sonora, CA.; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 28, 1992 at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan with Rev. Roger Crawford of Bethel Baptist Home in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Eugene Gaer, Gladys Nyrup, Grace Petersen, Ron and Bev Jensen, Hans and Joyce Nielsen, Bob and Irma Andersen, Buck and Helen Holloway, Wilbert and Dagny Svendsen, and Melvin and Kathryn Fiscus honorary casketbearers. Casketbearers were Jim Wittman, Don Cain, Dave Jackson, Gene

Larsen, Bill Holloway, Lloyd A. Moore, Tim Christensen, Weslee D. Mitten, Leonard L. Fiscus, and Kevin Lee Christensen casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.