

Victor L. Morgan, 72

Nov. 3, 1925 - Sept. 5, 1998

HARLAN - Victor L. Morgan, son of LeRoy and Leta (Woods) Morgan, was born in Polk Township near Irwin, Nov. 3, 1925. He grew up on farms in Shelby County, and attended school in Lincoln Township and graduated from Harlan High School in 1943. He enlisted in the United States Navy Oct. 10, 1943, serving his country 3 1/2 years during World War II before being honorably discharged in 1947, when he started farming.

Sept. 5, 1948, he married Barbara Janssen at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. They farmed in Fairview and Lincoln Township and were the parents of three children, Kathy, Kent and Karen. Vic was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Harlan where he served on many boards and committees. He was the charter president of the Shelby County Pork Producers in 1959 and the Cattleman's Association President in 1973, from which he was awarded the Cattleman of the Year in 1986. He was a current member of the Harlan V.F.W. and while growing up he was active in sports, was a member of F.F.A. and 4-H later serving many years on the Shelby County Fair Board as well as being inducted into the Fair Hall of Fame in 1981. He died Sept. 5, 1998, at his home at age 72 years, 10 months and two days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Barbara of Harlan; his children, Kathy Lee of Austin, TX; Kent (Deb) Morgan of Harlan and Karen (Roy) Fordyce of Papillion, NE; seven grandchildren, Nathan and Jamie Lee; Jason, Amber and Holly Morgan and Rachel and Austin Fordyce; his sister, Phyllis (Frank) Todero of Greenwich, CT; his brother, Dale (Ann) Morgan of Paragould, AR; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 9, 1998, at the Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan officiating. Military rites were conducted at the Harlan Cemetery in Harlan by the Harlan American Legion - Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 and the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941, with his grandson, Jason Morgan, playing taps. Honorary casket bearers were Jamie Lee, Nathan Lee, Amber Morgan, Jason Morgan, Holly Morgan, Austin Fordyce and Rachel Fordyce. Casket bearers were Don Plumb, Valen Christensen, Leslie Blum, Myron Sorensen, Ron Jensen, Joseph Schomer and Ed Buman. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

