

## **Harvey A. Nelson, 76**

**July 5, 1915 — April 26, 1992**

Harvey Alton Nelson, son of Lars and Anna Madsen Nelson, was born July 5, 1915 in Exira. He spent his childhood and attended rural school west of Exira.

He married Lorraine Bengard in Exira, April 20, 1941 in Rockport, MO. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942-44. He owned and operated the Nelson Hatchery in Exira from 1940-1952, when he and his family moved to Florence, AZ., where they resided for three years. They moved to Grand Junction, CO., in 1955 where he worked as a dockman for the Rio Grande Motorway until his retirement in 1980. He died April 26, 1992 at the Community Hospital in Grand Junction, CO., at age 76.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lars and Anna Nelson of Harlan; two brothers, Herman Nelson of Exira, his twin; and Raymond F. Nelson of Exira. Survivors are his wife, Lorraine Bengard of Exira; four daughters, Linda Tahagi and Jane Sefeka, both of Phoenix, AZ.; Joyce Nelson and Lori Cunningham, both of Grand Junction, CO.; six grandchildren; a brother, Leonard R. Nelson, Elk Horn and two sisters, Aletha Hansen, Kimballton and Diana Greer, Harlan.

A Memorial service was held May 9, 1992 at the Exira Lutheran Church with Rev. Lyle Lutz, officiating. There was cremation and burial at St. John's cemetery, west of Exira.