

Russell L. Nelson, 82

HARLAN - Russell LeRoy Nelson, son of John and Jane (Petersen) Nelson, was born on a farm in Shelby county on Aug. 10, 1905. He attended Polk No. 1 School in Shelby county and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. He was baptized in the Baptist Church and was a member of Merrill's Grove Baptist Church.

On June 1, 1930, he married Lillian Mogg in Atlantic. Two sons were born to this union. He farmed in Audubon and Shelby county until 1967, when he retired from farming and moved into Harlan. This has been his home since that time. He became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan on April 7, 1988 and it was there that he died on April 17, 1988, at age 82 years, eight months and seven days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his sons, Charles Nelson of Omaha, NE and Douglas Nelson of Harlan; four grandchildren; five brothers, Arnold and Marion both of Modesto, CA; Harold of Dinuba, CA; Orville of Salem, OR and Bill of Santa Paula, CA; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were April 22, 1988 at First Baptist Church, Harlan with Rev. Owen Wherrett officiating. Burial was in Maple Grove cemetery, Audubon with Henry Paulsen, Robert Burton, Carl E. Nielsen, Paul P. Stephany, Herbert F. Nelson and Dr. G.W. Jorgensen serving as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.