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Alfred Nielsen, 92 ✓

Dec. 9, 1901 - Dec. 4, 1994

Harlan - Alfred Nielsen, son of Jesse and Bertha Marie (Jessen) Nielsen who were immigrants to America from Denmark, was born Dec. 9, 1901 at Defiance. He grew up on the farm and attended country school through eighth grade. He quit school to take care of the farm and his mother.

Feb. 29, 1929 he married Leta Arlene Morrison of Dow City. To this union three children were born. During their first year of married life, they lived on a farm northeast of Defiance. They then moved to a farm two and one-half miles south of Defiance where they lived until her death. He was a member of Defiance United Methodist Church serving as trustee for many years. He was a member of Sadius Lodge No. 444, A.F. & A.M. of Irwin, and a member of the Abu Bekr Shrine for many years. He was president of Irwin Community School Board of Education when the new school was built, a voting delegate for Shelby Co. Farm Bureau, helped organize Shelby County Good Roads Association, served five terms in the Iowa House of Representatives and was active on many state committees.

April 21, 1975 he married Helen Tryon Hulsebus of Carroll. They made their home in Harlan and in April of 1994 he entered the Manilla Manor Nursing Home. He returned to his home in Harlan Nov. 28 and Dec. 2 entered the Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs. It was there that he died Dec. 4, 1994 at age 92 years, 11 months and 25 days.

In addition to his parents and his first wife, he was preceded in death by one brother, Einar and four sisters, Kristina, Anna, Rose and Etta. He is survived by his wife Helen of Harlan; his children, Ruth Ann (Milton) Barry of Irwin, Marlin (Nadine) Nielsen of Las Vegas, NV and Marie (Lee) McLaughlin of Defiance; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 7, 1994 at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan with Rev. Joseph P. Boysen of the Irwin United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with John Swisher, Gordon E. Petersen, Merrill Stolz, Philip Phelps, Raymond Fisher, Earl Waddell, Sen. Charles E. Grassley and Clarence Campbell honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Scott Carter, Lamont Christensen, Dennis Muller, Terry Rosonke, Jay McLaughlin, Mark McLaughlin and Scott McLaughlin.