

## **Rev. Lester H. Norton, 81**

**Feb. 25, 1911 — June 8, 1992**

**HARLAN** — Lester Harold Norton, son of Martin and Winifred (Cartwright) Norton was born Feb. 25, 1911, at West Concord, MN. He died June 8, 1992, at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 81 years, three months, and 14 days. After graduating from West Concord High School, he attended the Northwestern Bible School in Minneapolis, MN. He then attended the Eastern Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia, PA., Indiana State Teachers College, Indiana, PA., and received his Masters of Education from the University of Pittsburg in Pittsburg, PA. Between receiving his Masters Degree and serving as a pastor, he taught school.

June 1, 1933, he married Gladys Scott at Chaffee, N.D. They became the parents of one daughter, Betty. He served as the pastor in churches in Wibaux, MT.; Mill Run, PA.; Glen Campbell and La Jose, PA.; Linesville, PA.; Owatonna, MN.; Richwood, OH.; and Trent, S.D. After he retired in 1976, he served as part of the Ministers at Large Program for the American Baptist Churches, serving churches in CO., VT., N.D., S.D., KS., IA, and IL. He was currently a member of the Trent Baptist Church in Trent, S.D. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, and was the recipient of the Town and Country Award of the American Baptist Churches. He was currently residing in Harlan near his daughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Olive, and a foster daughter, Bessie Davinson. He is survived by his wife, Gladys of Harlan; his daughter, Betty (John) Lusk of Harlan; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; a foster daughter, Jean Gregory of Greenville, PA.; 14 foster grandchildren; three brothers, Dr. Laurence Norton (Eleanor) of Peoria, IL.; Lyle Norton (Margaret) of Hayward, CA.; and Paul Norton (Helen) of West Concord, MN., and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 11, 1992, at the First Baptist Church in Harlan with Rev. Jeff Nelsen officiating assisted by Rev. Dave Knutson of the Baptist Church in Trent, S.D. Graveside services were held June 13, 1992, at the Claremont St. cemetery in Claremont, MN., with Rev. Larry Shaeffer, officiating. Casketbearers were Eric Lusk, David Lusk, Aaron Lusk Greg Feekes, Andrew Lusk, and Roger Russell. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.