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Gaillard J. Nelson, 86

July 28, 1913 - Feb. 18, 2000

HARLAN - Gaillard J. Nelson, son of Chris and Nellie Nelson, was born at Harlan, July 28, 1913. He died Feb. 18, 2000, at age 86 years, six months. He attended Harlan Public Schools and graduated from Harlan High School and the University of Iowa. After graduation, he returned to Harlan and was in the real estate and insurance business with his father. In later years he was employed by Larsen's Shoe Store, was Deputy County Recorder and at the time of his retirement was the office manager of Myrtue Memorial Hospital.

In 1936, he married Janet Jacobsen who preceded him in death November 1992. In 1993, he moved to St. Louis, MO, to be near his son, Fred Nelson, where he resided until his death. He was a member of the Lions Club, Odd Fellows Lodge and Harlan Chamber of Commerce. He was a lifelong member of the First Methodist Church in Harlan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Janet; two granddaughters, Debra and Kelley; and a grandson, Michael. He is survived by his son, Fred of St. Charles, MO; a grandson, David of Parkland, FL; one grandson, David of St. Charles, MO; and four great grandchildren, Kathleen, Shannon, Stephen and Samantha.