

## Lloyd Nelson, 82

*July 9, 1920 - March 27, 2003*

**HARLAN** – Lloyd LeRoy Nelson was born to LeRoy and Edna (Jensen) Nelson of Fiscus, in Shelby County, July 9, 1920. He attended Polk No. 1 school through eighth grade.

Lloyd married Elaine Larson of Harlan Nov. 28, 1941. To this union three children were born. At age 12 he was baptized at the Merrill's Grove Baptist Church. Later, he was a member of the Altamont Baptist Church, and at the time of his death, he was a member of the First Baptist Church in Harlan. He was an active church leader during his adult years. He sang in various quartets, duets and the choir. He was also a deacon, Sunday school teacher, youth leader and member of the nominating committee numerous times. Most recently, Lloyd was on the committee to plan the furnishing of the new fellowship hall at First Baptist Church. He was an active Elm Crest Retirement Auxiliary member and he could often be found cooking aebleskiver, serving soup at their annual supper, or taking the gift cart to residents. Lloyd served 17 years on the executive board of the Baptist Homes of the Midwest. After farming many years with his wife at his side, they purchased a farm feed store business in Harlan which they named Nelson Farm Supply. Lloyd died March 27, 2003, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 82 years, eight months and 18 days.



Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Elaine; his children, Judy (Jim) Zea of Harlan; Vicky (Dave) Waclawski of Papillion, NE; and Galen "Sam" (Linda) Nelson of Sergeant Bluff; 11 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; his brothers and sisters, Merle (Ethel) Nelson of Audubon; Grace Paulson of Albert Lea, MN; Lucille Paulsen of Harlan; Ruth Dinesen of Harlan; and Everett (Isabelle) Nelson of Audubon; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 31, 2003, at the First Baptist Church in Harlan, with Rev. Gundar Lamberts, Rev. James Warren and Rev. Vincent Nelson officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Dale and Ruth Sorensen, Harold and Erma Nihsen, Ralph and Marge Hansen, Harold and Donna Lansman, Gene and Darlene Arentson, Verl and Marie Arentson and Stan and Joan Martens. Casket bearers were Eric Bricker, Brian Bricker, Monte Schnack, Gabe Nelson, Corbin Zea, Jeff Bricker and Chad Bricker. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.