

Lowell Nelson, 88

July 18, 1915 - Oct. 13, 2003

HARLAN – Lowell Adrian Nelson, the son of Adolph and Mamie Thorsen Nelson, was born July 18, 1915, on his parents' farm in Monroe Township. He was baptized at the Bethel Baptist Church in Harlan, and attended country school and Harlan Community Schools. After completing the tenth grade, he farmed with his father and brother. At age 19, Lowell lost his hand in a farming accident.

Jan. 1, 1937, Lowell married Arlene Evans at her grandmother's house in front of the Christmas tree in Harlan. They became the parents of two sons, James and Adrian. The family farmed five miles east of Irwin from 1941 until 1986 and were members of the Merrill's Grove Baptist Church outside of Fiscus. They then moved to their current home in Harlan and attended the First Baptist Church. Lowell continued to farm after moving to Harlan retiring in 2002, when he seeded his last field of oats. Arlene and Lowell were soul mates, they did everything together, until her death in 1999. Lowell died at Myrtua Memorial Hospital Oct. 13, 2003, at age 88 years, two months and 26 days.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Arlene, Lowell was preceded in death by his brothers, Sheldon and Sterling. Survivors include his sons, James Nelson (Dixie) of Manilla; Adrian Nelson (Linda) of Kirkman; three grandchildren, Chris Nelson (Leigh); Seth Nelson (Tammy); and Adam Nelson; four great grandchildren, Devin, Adrian, Leann and Curtis Nelson; his brother, Dale Nelson (Nina) of Woodbine; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 16, 2003, at the First Baptist Church in Harlan, with Rev. Gundar Lamberts officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Vic Julius, Richard Wooster, Stan Hansen, Jack Knudsen, Sean Lawler, John Gilliland, Charles Wooster, Bob Burton and Harley Mether honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Seth Nelson, Chris Nelson, Adam Nelson, Stan Knudsen, Lynn Mether and Dean Bartelson. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

