

Marshall A. Nelson, 97 ✓

Feb. 2, 1904 - May 16, 2001

HARLAN — Marshall Alford Nelson was born Feb. 2, 1904, to John P. and Dorthea Nelson, the fourth of six children. Born at home on the farm in the Cuppy's Grove area, rural Harlan, he attended school at Monroe No. 3 and worked on his father's farm while growing up. He left school for a year to help his father while an older brother went into the service during World War I, later completing the eighth grade at the Cuppy's Grove School. He continued to work on the farm until the mid 1920's when he met Edith Esperson.



The were married March 24, 1926, in Newell. Three children, Judy, Nancy and Jerry were born to this union. Marshall and Edith farmed in the Cuppy's Grove area all of their lives except for three years in the Kirkman area from 1940 to 1943. There was a farm sale in the fall of 1953 and they spent two and one half years in Harlan with Marshall working for Squealer Feed Company. In the spring of 1956, they purchased the farm across the road from the Altamont Baptist Church. He was a lifelong member of that church. He continued to work part-time for the Squealer organization and started farming again. Upon retiring, a trip to Denmark was taken, second farm sale was held, and they moved to an apartment in Harlan. Later, they moved to a mobile home in Westridge and then to the Elm Crest Apartments. Summers were spent at Agency Bay, Leech Lake, Walker, MN. Marshall died May 16, 2001, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan, at age 97 years, three months and 12 days.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith, last year, and his daughter, Nancy, in 1996. He is survived by two children, Judy (Bob) McConkie of Jefferson and son, Jerry Nelson (Janet) of Des Moines; nine grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 19, 2001, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. David W. Erickson officiating. Burial was in Cuppy's Grove Cemetery with John Lee, Rodney Knudson, James Klindt, Ralph L. Klindt, Ronnie Lee and John Knudson casket bearers.