

Sheldon E. Nelson, 90

Feb. 22, 1911 - July 11, 2001

HARLAN - Sheldon Emerson Nelson, son of James Adolph and Mamie (Thomson) Nelson, was born Feb. 22, 1911, in Harlan. He was baptized at Bethel Baptist Church and attended rural school near Harlan. He grew to adulthood on a farm southeast of Harlan. May 5, 1942, he was inducted into the United States Army. He served in Germany and France and was awarded five Bronze Stars and the European African Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon. Following his honorable discharge Nov. 10, 1945, he settled in California, where he worked in commercial construction. In 1966, he returned to the Shelby County area where he worked with his brother, Lowell, on the farm. He later made his home at the Saylor Hotel where he also kept a wood shop in the basement. He was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church in Harlan. He died July 11, 2001, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 90 years, four months and 19 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Sterling. Survivors include his brothers, Dale Nelson (Nina) of Woodbine and Lowell Nelson of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 14, 2001, at Pauley Funeral Home with Reverend Al Hazelton officiating. Military rites were conducted at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin, by the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 and the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 of Harlan. Casket bearers were Adrian Nelson, Adam Nelson, James Nelson, Seth Nelson, Chris Nelson and Don Davis.