

George J. Steffusen, 71

HARLAN - George Jacob Steffusen, Jr., son of George and Emma Teresa (Meier) Steffusen, was born on a farm in Shelby county on Dec. 24, 1916. He died on board the M/V Royal Princess on a cruise in the Atlantic Ocean on April 20, 1988, at age 71 years, three months and 27 days. He attended country school in Shelby county, graduated from Harlan High School with the class of 1934, and made his home with his grandfather during that time.

On Dec. 28, 1940, he married Hazel Nagel in the Congregational Christian Church Parsonage in Harlan. After their marriage, they farmed southeast of Harlan until he retired from farming in 1979. After the death of Hazel on Feb. 13, 1981, he continued to make his home in Harlan. In Nov. of 1985, he married Emily Schnakenberg in Phoenix, AZ. He was a member of the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan; and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, # 267 of Harlan.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife. He is survived by his wife, Emily of Phoenix, AZ; three step-sons, William Schnakenberg, Richard L. Schnakenberg and Nick Schnakenberg all of Phoenix, AZ; and 8 step-grandchildren; one sister, Vironia (Mrs Walter) Stewart of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were April 28, 1988 at the Congregational United Church of Christ, Harlan with Pastor Dennis Brayman officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Brad Sorensen, Dale McCracken, Dale E. Sorensen, David McCracken, Grant Christensen and Galen D. Ahrenholtz serving as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.