

Harold Shupe, 88

Sept. 4, 1914 - Aug. 11, 2003

HARLAN – Harold Earnest Shupe was born Sept. 4, 1914, in McIntire, the only son of Carl Earnest and Clara Leota (Beal) Shupe. He was the eighth generation of an American family who came as Anabaptist refugees from Germany to Pennsylvania colony in the early 1700's in order that they and their children and their children's children could do precisely that.

In 1938, Harold married Elsie Verlee Jensen of Fiscus. Next month they would have been married 65 years. Three children were born to this union. He served in the United States Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. Harold and Verlee lived in Harlan from 1945 to 1955, in Kirkman from 1955 to 1959, in Atlantic from 1959 to 1983, and again in Harlan from 1984 to the present. He was an active member of the Bethel Baptist Church in Harlan in the 1950's, of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Atlantic in the 1960's and 1970's, and Grace Baptist Church in Harlan in the 1980's and 1990's. A barber by trade, he was known in Atlantic for organizing the Weekend Rough-n-Its camping club and later known in Harlan as an expert woodcarver. He died Aug. 11, 2003, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 88 years, 11 months and seven days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Vivian Wyles Moore, Goldie Whallon and Dorothy Brant. Survivors include his wife, Verlee of Harlan; his three children, Karen (Irwin High school class of 1959) (Larry) Wells of Jefferson, OR; Rosalie (Atlantic High School class of 1961) (Paul) Powers, who are currently traveling in the Western United States; David Shupe (Atlantic High School class of 1966) (Della) of St. Paul, MN; four grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and other relatives.

Graveside services were held Aug. 16, 2003, at the Harlan Cemetery with Rev. Vince Nelson officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Eugene Nielson, Don Davis, Cliff Hanson, Don Peterson, and Bud Wuiff. Casket bearers were Ron Christensen, Todd Breace, David Wooster, Ken Leduina, Jeff Swensen and Scott Boje. Military rites were conducted by the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 of Harlan, and the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 of Harlan. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

