

Leland D. Sunderland, 84

May 22, 1917 - Oct. 5, 2001

HARLAN – Leland Dow Sunderland was born May 22, 1917, to Myrtle (Jensen) and Roy Alvin Sunderland in Center Township near Harlan. He was baptized in Harlan, and attended country school through elementary school graduating with the Harlan High School Class of 1936.

Oct. 8, 1938, he married Arlene Patterson at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan. To this union, three daughters were born. Leland was first employed by the Federal Land Bank, as well as, farming. He farmed for 18 years in Shelby County before being appointed as secretary-treasurer for Shelby County Farmer's Mutual Insurance Association in Harlan. He served as a member of the Harlan Community School Board and was a 25 year veteran of the Harlan Fire Department. He was a member of the Congregational United Church of Christ and served in numerous leadership positions. Leland died Oct. 5, 2001, at age 84 years, four months and 13 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and great granddaughter, Samantha Ahrenholtz. Survivors include his wife, Arlene Sunderland of Harlan; daughters, Pat (Ron) Mosher of Harlan; Judy (Denny) Storm of Harlan and Kathy Baldwin and her friend, Tommy Harris of Council Bluffs; 11 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 8, 2001, at Pauley Funeral Home. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Kirk Storm, Amy Rueschenberg, Kari Bruck, Andy Baldwin, Kevin Ahrenholtz, Curt Baldwin, Kent Ahrenholtz, Scott Mosher, Katie Ahrenholtz, Shelli Cumbee and Carolyn Storm casket bearers.

