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Elmer William Wigg, 74

Nov. 16, 1919 - April 6, 1994

Harlan - Elmer William Wigg son of William and Hulda (Peterson) Wigg was born Nov. 16, 1919 on a farm near Irwin. He died April 6, 1994 at the Baptist Memorial Home at age 74 years, four months and 21 days. Because of his illness, he became a resident of the Glenwood State School at Glenwood when he was four or five years old. He learned to work and to accomplish many things on his own, and was able to return home to live with his parents in 1936. He loved his dog "Shep", who was his friend and companion for many years. After the death of his mother in 1970, he moved to the Country Care Center where he remained until March of 1994 when he entered the Baptist Memorial Home. He enjoyed fishing and working in the garden. He was never seen without his tool box and was always willing to help with maintenance. He was well known for his teasing and being able to recognize older models of pick up's, especially those from the 1940's and 1950's. He wore a sweater the year around, and for special occasions would always wear a tie and his hat. They all remembered his #1 expression, "Lock You Up", and would make a signal on the palm of his hand like turning a key.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one sister, Ruby. Survivors include his brother Bud (Doraine) Wigg and sister Luella "Tootie" Wigg both of Harlan, nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 9, 1994 at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Jon Benson of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Terry Clyde, Roger Thomsen, Howard Peterson, Olin Baker, Edward Wigg and Donald Trierweiler casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.