

Earl Waddell, 80

Aug. 20, 1916 - Dec. 31, 1996

HARLAN - Earl Waddell, son of Herman and Clara Robinson Waddell was born Aug. 20, 1916 at Woodbine. At a little over one year of age, his mother died, and he was raised by his aunt and uncle, Emil and Effie Miller in rural Woodbine. He attended grade school in rural Woodbine, and grew to adulthood in rural Woodbine. He was baptized at Merrill's Grove Baptist Church in Fiscus. Oct. 13, 1942, he entered the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving his country during WW II. After his honorable discharge on February 24, 1946, he returned to the Shelby County area.



June 25, 1950, he married Viola Peterson in Elk Horn. To this union, three children were born. He was employed by Tredway Implement and then Steenhusen Implement of Irwin. He later was employed at Jacobs Tool Co. as well as mowing the Bowman's Grove cemetery for several years. After retiring in Feb. of 1982, they continued to reside in rural Harlan for a time before moving to their home in Harlan. It was there that he died Dec. 31, 1996 at age 80 years, four months and 11 days. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Harlan where he served as Trustee and usher.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Viola Waddell of Harlan; his children - Carolyn (Dean) Finken of Atlantic and Connie (Wayne) Ray of Hot Springs, AR and Bruce (Brenda) Waddell of Harlan; nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, a half brother, Harold Waddell of Omaha; a half sister, Wilma Pitzer of Apple Valley, CA; his sisters-in-law, Elaine Waddell of Omaha and Katie Waddell of Avoca; and his brother-in-law Francis Wiese of Portsmouth; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 3, 1997 at First Baptist Church in Harlan with Rev. John E. Hester officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Art Linde, Marvin W. Martin, Ted Allen, Dale Brown, Lyle D. Walker, Lee Adamson, Leonard L. Fiscus and Rev. Owen E. Wherrett honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Dan Martin, John L. Steenhusen, Lynn Miller, David W. Martin, George Steenhusen and Lyle Walker, Jr. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.