

Jim Young, 74

March 27, 1923 - Jan. 9, 1998

HARLAN - Melvin James "Jim" Young, son of Melvin Jesse and Maud E. (Ballard) Young, was born March 27, 1923, in Charter Oak. As a young boy, he moved to the Defiance area with his family and was confirmed in the Evangelical United Brethren Church. He attended grade school and high school in Defiance, and graduated in 1940. He worked on a farm until he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942. During World War II, he served his country aboard the U.S.S. Windsor APA-55 and received his honorable discharge in 1946. Upon returning from war, Jim returned to work at a local farm and for an engineering company.

Dec. 22, 1950, he married Alice Ann Jordan at the Ross Calvary United Brethren Church at Ross. Three children were born to this union, Michael James, Jeffrey Allan and Patrice Colleen. In 1951, he became a partner in the H & H Mobil Service Station and then became an agent for the Mobil Oil Company and ran the tank wagon business for 34 years. He also drove bus for the Harlan Community Schools for 32 years before his retirement in 1991. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Harlan and of the Shelby County Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 941. For over 50 years he was privileged to serve several offices, including Post Commander. He died at his home in Harlan, Jan. 9, 1998, at age 74 years, nine months and 13 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Jeffrey Allan, and his sisters, Beulah Maxine Grant and Jesse Irene Baxter. He is survived by his wife, Alice Ann Young; his son, Michael Young, and his daughter, Pat Jordan of Harlan; his sister, Barbara Duncan of Sunnyvale, CA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 13, 1998, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with military rites being conducted by the Harlan American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 and the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941. Casket bearers were Stan Johannsen, Greg Roecker, Cletus Bud Weis, Bruce Christensen, Larry Hull, Robert Ahrenholtz, Valen Christensen and Steven Christensen.