

Lloyd L. Benning, 74

HARLAN — Lloyd LaVere Benning, the son of William and Catherine Brandon Benning, was born on a farm in Shelby county near Panama, on Aug. 1, 1904. He attended country school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. He then helped his dad on the farm and also worked as a telephone operator for the Portsmouth Phone Co. before moving to Calif., where he harvested crops. Bud then lived in Colo. and Wyo. where he worked in the oil fields.

On Febr. 22, 1926, he married Lucy Jons in Laramie, Wyo. Five daughters were born to this union.

They made their home in Wyo., where Bud continued to work in the oil fields. In 1929, they moved to Harlan, where Lloyd worked for the Harlan Municipal Utilities for over 40 years. After retiring in 1972, they continued to make their home in Harlan. Lloyd and Lucy were privileged to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in Febr. of 1976. Mr Benning died at Nebraska Methodist hospital in Omaha, Nebr., on Saturday, Febr. 3, 1979, at age 74 years, 6 months and two days. He had been a long time member of the First United Methodist church in Harlan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Vera Rose; two brothers, James and Webb; and by two sisters, Vera and Agnes. Survivors include his wife, Lucy of Harlan; four daughters - Mildred (Mrs Gerald Struve) of Oshkosh, Wisc., June Hockens of McIntire, Betty Aschbrenner of Marion, and Frances (Mrs Kenneth Schultz) of Hastings, Minn.; 15 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren, by a sister, Verna (Mrs Clarence Brown) of Austin, Colo., a brother, Fred W. Benning of Bellflower, Calif.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Wednesday, Feb. 7 1979, with Rev. Larry LaVelle, pastor of the First United Methodist church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Cass Township cemetery, Shelby county, Iowa, with Fred Fox, F.D. Holt, Leland Marco, Elmer Potter, Robert Gregory and Harvey Anderson serving as casketbearers.