

Donal Best, 73

Harlan — Donal Earl Best was born in Shelby county, on June 17, 1907, son of Charley and Julia Coker Best.

He attended school in Tennant and Shelby and graduated from Shelby high school in 1927. Following graduation he worked on farms around Shelby for a time. He then moved to Independence, Mo.

On Jan. 18, 1936, he married Georgia Oldham in Olatha, Kans. Following their marriage they moved to Calif. He worked as a metal lathe operator in an aircraft factory. Upon their retirement they moved back to the Midwest and finally moved to Harlan in 1976 where he and his wife made their home. He was a 34 year member of the Masonic Lodge and a member of the Harlan United Methodist church.

Georgia died on Jan. 14, 1979. Following her death he became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan, where he died Friday, March 13, 1981 at age 73 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife. Survivors include his sister, Hazel (Mrs Harold) Langer of Independence, Mo., two brothers, Kenneth of Walnut and Arden "Sam" Best of Logan, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 16, 1981 at Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home in Avoca with Rev. Larry LaVelle, officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery with Lloyd Sick, Robert Meier, Brian Kock, Doug Kiesel, David Meier and Jim Sick serving as casketbearers.