

Russell F. Croft, 75

Kirkman — Russell Fred Croft, son of Fred Oscar and Ethel Mae Schaffer Croft, was born March 30, 1906 on a farm near Kirkman. He attended the country school and graduated from Kirkman high school. He then worked with his father building roads for Shelby co. and later became an employee for the county.

On March 30, 1928, he married Hazel Augusta Ruhs in Kirkman. Two daughters, Barbara and Carolyn, were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home in Kirkman, where he was employed as a heavy equipment operator for Shelby co. the next 42 years. After he retired in 1971, the Crofts continued to make their home in Kirkman. On March 30, 1981, they were privileged to celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary. He died at St. Joseph's hospital, Omaha, on Saturday, Jan. 30, 1982, at the age of 75 years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one grandchild, Debra. He is survived by his wife, Hazel of Kirkman; his two daughters, Barbara (Mrs Arlo) Petersen of Bennett, and Carolyn (Mrs Ray) Peraldo of Hundred, W.V.; five grandchildren, Rickey, Larry, Lonny and Cindy Petersen and John Peraldo; five great grandchildren, Chad, Jennifer, Adam, Erin and Lisa Petersen; two brothers, Lester of Omaha, Neb. and Lafe of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1982 with the Rev. Leon Wallace of the Kirkman United Methodist church of-

ficiating and Mr Dwayne LaPorte assisting.

Burial was in the Rose Hill cemetery in Kirkman with John Paulsen, Larry Petersen, Rickey Petersen, Nels Block, Jr., Gerald Conrad and Lonny Petersen serving as casketbearers.

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CROFT — Executor of the Sept. 12, 1964 will of Russell F. Croft, deceased is Hazel A. Croft of Kirkman.