

The Life Story of --

Charles Vernon Custer, 90

Charles Vernon Custer, son of Arthur and Emma Kocher Custer, was born on the family farm 2½ miles west of Corley, in Fairview township on Febr. 26, 1885, and died at the Rose Vista Nursing Home in Woodbine on Saturday, Mar. 22, 1975, at age 90 years and 24 days. On Mar. 18, 1908, he married Anna Ethel Blair in Harlan. Two sons were born to this union - Dean Eldon, who died in childhood, and Gerald, of Woodbine. On Mar. 18 of this year, they observed their 67th wedding anniversary at Rose Vista Nursing Home in Woodbine. Vernon and Anna farmed south of Harlan most of their married lives, retiring to reside in Harlan in 1944. In order to be near their son, Gerald, in 1970, they became residents of Rose Vista Retirement Home in Woodbine.

Mr Custer was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Dean Eldon; two sisters - Myrtle (Mrs Hart) McConnell, and Pearl (Mrs Ina) Smith and three brothers - William R. Custer, Alva Floyd Custer and Herbert E. Custer. Survivors include: his wife, Anna; son, Gerald; daughter-in-law, Pearl; five grandchildren - Jack, of Logan, Kenneth, of Lohrville, Billy, of Harlan, Kay (Mrs Virgil Speake) of Omaha, Nebr., and Paula (Mrs Roger Sauvain) of Logan; nine great grandchildren and nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Monday, Mar. 24, 1975, at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, with Rev Arthur Hill officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Kenneth Custer, Billy Custer, Virgil Speake, Roger Sauvain, James Boustead and William Hutcheson serving as casket bearers.
