

Guyle (Nick) Duke, 71

Harlan — Guyle Herbert Duke, son of Thomas and Mabel Hamblin Duke, was born in Harlan on July 10, 1907. He attended country school and the Kirkman high school. After graduating, he was employed on different farms in the area and also worked harvesting crops in No. Dak.

On Jan. 22, 1937, he married Coletta Reding in Earling. They made their home in Harlan and for several years, Nick worked as a sheep shearer. He then was employed as a salesman and tank wagon driver for the Farm Service Coop for 30 years. After retiring from this position, he and Mrs Duke did janitorial work for City Hall for a couple years. Due to ill health, Mr Duke had been a resident of the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Avoca for a few months and was presently a resident at the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan.

It was here that he died on Saturday, Jan. 6, 1979, at age 71 years, 5 months and 26 days. Mr Duke had been a member of the First United Methodist church in Harlan.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Coletta of Harlan; two brothers - William Duke of Harlan and Max Duke of Spirit Lake; three sisters - Fern (Mrs Clifford Dent), Vera (Mrs Albert Wunder), and Dorothy Christensen of Harlan; his step-mother, Mrs Delma Duke of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1979, with Rev. Larry LaVelle, pastor of the First United Methodist church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Gary Reding, Larry Reding, Larry Wunder, Garland Barratt, Alan Christensen and Terrance Albracht serving as casket-bearers.