

# Ralph C. Thomson, 73

**HARLAN** — Ralph Clarence Thomson, the son of Nels Peter and Emma (Vinding) Thomson, was born on a farm in Monroe twp., Shelby county, on Aug. 23, 1903. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on July 6, 1977 at age 73 years, 10 months and 13 days. He was baptized in the Altamont Baptist church at Cuppy's Grove. Ralph attended country school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. On Sept. 10, 1923, he married Lulu Troll at her parent's home in Monroe twp. Two children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Thomson farmed in Monroe twp. until 1940. At that time they moved to Harlan where Ralph operated the Skelgas Service. In 1956 they moved to Englewood, Colo., where Mr Thomson served as custodian for the First Christian church. He also sang for several years with the Christianairs in the Denver area. They retired in 1966 and since that time have been traveling around the United States. Mr and Mrs Thomson were privileged to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in August of 1973 and as a special gift from their children and grandchildren, they spent five weeks touring Europe. Ralph was a member of the Altamont Baptist church at Cuppy's Grove.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Howard. His survivors include his wife, Lulu, of Harlan; a daughter, Pearl (Mrs Philip Madson) of rural Harlan; a son, Burdette "Bud" Thomson of Denver, Colo., eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, by four brothers - Edward Thomsen and Donald Thomson, both of Des Moines, Clifford Thomsen of Winterset, and Herbert Thomson of Riverside, Calif., three sisters - Sylvia (Mrs Allan Knudsen) and Edith (Mrs Leo Head) both of Harlan and Ramona (Mrs Herbert Craney) of Walnut; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Altamont Baptist church at Cuppy's Grove on Saturday, July 9, 1977, with Rev. Lester L. Hunt and Rev. Charles Curtis, officiating. Burial was in Cuppy's Grove cemetery with Larry Madson, Clyde Thomson, Louie M. Troll, Sterling Nelson, Richard Thomson, Roderick Thomson and Philip Madson Jr., serving as casketbearers.