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Whitson, 64

Kirkman — Norris Riley Whitson, son of Wallace and Amelia (Churchill) Whitson, was born on a farm in Pottawattamie county, on Nov. 7, 1913. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, on Dec. 22, 1977 at age 64 years, one month and 15 days. He was baptized at the Bethel Baptist church in Harlan. He attended country school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farms in eastern Nebr. and southwestern Iowa. Norris moved to the Kirkman, vicinity with his parents in 1936 and began farming. On April 26, 1943, he married Laurine Christensen in Omaha. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Whitson farmed near Kirkman and this has been their home since that time. Mr Whitson was a charter member of the First Baptist church in Harlan. He was also a charter member of the Board of Trustees and served as an usher.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant brother, Leo. His survivors include his wife, Laurine, of rural Harlan, two sons, Roger Whitson, at home and Larry Whitson of Sac City, three daughters - Gloria (Mrs Carl L. Palmer) of Seward, Nebr., Barbara (Mrs Dick Kunz) of Salt Lake City, Utah and Mary Whitson of Denison and nine grandchildren, by two sisters, Virginia (Mrs Wilferd Bristol) of Co. Bluffs and Helen Foreman of Indianola; two brothers, Robert Whitson of Spring Valley, Minn., and Glen Whitson of Wisconsin Dells, Wisc., nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Saturday, Dec. 24, 1977, with Pastor C. Donald Thrash, pastor of the First Baptist church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery at Kirkman with Forrest Adams, Lyle D. Walker, Norman M. Wiig, Marvin Rasmussen, Clarence L. Larson and Norman Sondergaard serving as casketbearers.
