

Arthur Roger Andersen, 83

July 7, 1919 - Sept. 29, 2002

HARLAN – Arthur Roger Andersen, son of Lawrence D. and Margaret J. (Andersen) Andersen, was born July 7, 1919, in Harlan. He was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. Art grew up in Harlan, and was a 1936 graduate of Harlan High School.

Sept. 2, 1945, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, he married Talena Williams of Atlantic. To this union three children were born. He farmed south of Walnut, before moving back to Shelby County in 1958. He retired from farming in 1990, and he and Talena moved into Harlan. Due to poor health, he became a resident of the Elm Crest Retirement Community June 27, 2002. He was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. He died Sept. 29, 2002, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 83 years, two months and 22 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents; three brothers, Marvin Andersen, Levi Andersen and Orville Andersen; and one granddaughter, Kathy Jo Andersen. Survivors include his wife, Talena Andersen of Harlan; two sons, Arthur C. (Linda) Andersen of Tulsa, OK and Roger (Laurie) Andersen of Atlantic; one daughter, Linda (Kenneth) Woltmann of Avoca; one brother, Charles (Marcella) Andersen of Harlan; two sisters, Arlene (Darwin) Warner of Harlan and Marilyn (Jack) Miles of St. Louis, MO; two sisters-in-law, Phyllis Andersen of Harlan and Elaine Andersen of Kimballton; one brother-in-law, Floyd (Anne) Williams of Atlantic; five grandchildren, Julie (Steve) Livingston of Harlan; Tammy (Bruce) Pond of Fort Worth, TX; Mark (Denise) Woltmann of Long Beach, CA; Sheri (Alex) Schroeder of Johnston and Allison Andersen of Atlantic; three great grandchildren, Holly Stevens, Brandon Pond and Alex Livingston; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Oct. 2, 2002, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Jon Benson and Pastor Heather Ploen officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Mervin Schnack, Robert C. Andersen, Raymond Andersen, Edwin Olson, Orris Rogers, LaVerne Kock, Ed Mathiasen and C. Richard Andersen. Casket bearers were Edward Andersen, Larry Andersen, Mike Andersen, Tom Williams, John Williams and Lee W. Butler. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.