

Floyd "Shorty" Atkinson, 86

July 4, 1911 - April 9, 1998

HARLAN - Floyd "Shorty" Atkinson, the only son of Kinzzie and Laura Etta (Cassens) Atkinson, was born July 4, 1911, at Menard County, IL. He moved from Petersburg, IL to Elliott in 1912. He then attended school northeast of Elliott.

March 29, 1933, he married Angelia Berneice Donahoe. To this union five children were born. They farmed at Pleasant Ridge before moving to Lewis, where he worked for Rhoades Trucking. In 1947, "Shorty" became employed by Western Engineering in Harlan. He continued to work for Western Engineering until his retirement in 1984. He then worked at the Sanitary Landfill. After the death of his father, Shorty opened his home to his mother until her death in 1966. He died April 9, 1998 at the Baptist Memorial Home at age 86 years, nine months and five days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Lorelei Martin; his son, Michael Atkinson; his grandson, Jeffrey Scott Martin; his daughter-in-law, Anna Mae Atkinson; and his sons-in-law, Dick Barnett and Kenneth Martin; his sisters, Beatrice Littleton, Edith Smith and Esther Thulin. Survivors include his loving wife of 65 years, Angelia Atkinson of Elk Horn; his daughter, Dorothy Barnett of Oskaloosa; his son, Robert Atkinson (Linda) also of Oskaloosa; his daughter, Barbara (Kenneth) Hansen of Kimballton; his daughter-in-law, Vallie Atkinson Jensen of Harlan; 12 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 11, 1998, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Lowman Cemetery near Griswold, with Troy Hansen, Steven Martin, Tim Atkinson, Rob Atkinson, James Martin, Rod Atkinson, Mitchell Barnett and Marty Atkinson casket bearers.