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## **Harold W. "Jake" Baker, 70**

**Oct. 29, 1923 - March 19, 1994**

**Harlan** - Harold W. Baker, known as Jake, the son of John and Gertrude (Stoffels) Baker was born Oct. 29, 1923 in Harlan. He died at Jennie Edmudson Memorial Hospital in Co. Bluffs March 19, 1994 at age 70 years, 4 months and 18 days. After his mother died when he was four years old, he lived with his father, brothers and sisters in Harlan where he attended school and grew to adulthood.

Nov. 11, 1945 he married Leola Fairchild at Harlan. Five children were born to this union. He followed in his father's footsteps and worked for the City of Harlan. He worked in the street department where he eventually became the superintendent of streets from 1952 to 1968. He was also very active with the Harlan Volunteer Fire Department serving from 1955 to 1968. Between his job and serving the community on the volunteer fire department, many times he would go for days without sleep serving the community he loved.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter Cynthia, one brother Everett "Bake" Baker and one sister, Mabel Stilarow. He is survived by his wife Leola of Harlan, two daughters Susan Rae (Ray) Arnold, Minden, Michelle L. Baker of Harlan, two sons Larry L. Baker (Nancy) of Tybee Island, GA and Douglas Baker (Mary) of Oskaloosa, 13 grandchildren, three sisters Alta Mae Barnett and Dorothy (Harold) Brensel both of Harlan, and Helen (Kenneth) Nollen of Independence, two brothers Vernon "Bennie" Baker and Olin "Buck" Baker both of Harlan, nieces,

nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 22, 1994 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Paul Campbell, Associate Pastor of New Testament Baptist Church in Harlan officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Lance Baker, Larry Baker II, Sarah Baker, Jessica Brewer, Monique Baker, Kelsey Brewer and Lisa Beckmann honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Max Baker, Kelly Arnold, Kip Arnold, Troy Baker, Kyle Arnold and Kory Arnold. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. 1994