

Junior Bartelson, 63

May 30, 1933 - July 31, 1996

MANILLA - Junior Billie Bartelson, son of William and Mabel (Wethey) Bartelson was born May 30, 1933 near Fiscus. He attended country school one mile west and a mile north of Fiscus, and graduated from Harlan High School with the class of 1951. After school he worked on the farm. May 18, 1954, he entered the United States Army, serving his country during the Korean Conflict. After his honorable discharge May 17, 1956, he returned to Shelby County where he worked on area farms and drove truck for Everett Greve.

Aug. 3, 1958, he married Marion Hargens at Red Line Church of Christ. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed for 28 years and then moved to Fiscus where Junior drove a school bus for the Irwin, Kirkman, Manilla School District for 17 years. Last winter he worked for Vern Miller. He died July 31, 1996, while operating a tractor near Fiscus at age 63 years, two months and one day. He was a member of the Red Line Church of Christ, had been a member and president of the Fiscus Community Club as well as sheriff of Fiscus. He was also a member of the Irwin American Legion, Austin Earl Hiatt Post #614.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his infant twin sisters, a daughter, Enid Bartelson, and a sister, Grace Randers. He is survived by his wife, Marion of Manilla; his children, William (Mary) Bartelson of Earlham and Wesley Bartelson of Harlan and two grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 3, 1996 at Pauley Funeral Home with Ted Sieck officiating. Burial was in the Red Line Cemetery with military rites being conducted by the Irwin American Legion, Austin Earl Hiatt Post #614. Serving as honorary casket bearers were Lynn Dent, William Hansen and Fay Lamberson. Casket bearers were Raigan Dent, Lyle Steckelberg, Eugene Juhl, Marvin Nielsen, Kevin McConnell and Marlin Petersen.