

John W. Behrendt, 75

Nov. 9, 1924 – June 21, 2000

HARLAN — John William Behrendt, son of John and J. Mae (Kelley) Behrendt, was born Nov. 9, 1924, on his parents' farm near Panama. He attended Lincoln No. 6 Country School. His parents later moved to a farm near Harlan and it was here that he grew to adulthood. He was drafted into the United States Army Oct. 17, 1945. He specialized in weather observation and was awarded the World War II Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged Nov. 6, 1946. After his time in the service, he returned to the Harlan area where he farmed and sold seed corn for Northrup King. He also worked for area farmers doing custom bailing and corn shelling. He also did welding and electrical work. He died June 21, 2000, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 75 years, seven months and 12 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Russell. She is survived by his brothers and sisters, Charles Behrendt (Mildred) of Harlan; Pearle (Donald) Norgaard of Harlan; Doris (Don) Jackson of Omaha, NE; Clifford Behrendt (Paula) of Harlan and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 24, 2000, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with military rites conducted by the Shelby County V.F.W. Post No. 941 and the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 of Harlan. Casket bearers were Don Benjamin, Lynn Heimerman, Todd J. Kelley, Craig Kelley, John E. Behrendt and Jerry P. Kelley.