



## Floyd A. Erickson, 99

Jan. 23, 1897 - June 4, 1996

**HARLAN** - Floyd Albert Erickson, son of Enoch and Mathilda (Oleson) Erickson, was born Jan. 23, 1897 on a farm west of Harlan. He attended country school through the 8th grade, then farmed with his dad and brother, Carl. Sept. 5, 1918 he entered the United States Army, serving his country during WW I and was assigned stateside at Ft. Shelby, AL as a dental assistant. After his honorable discharge Dec. 18, 1918 he returned to the Harlan area.

Sept. 3, 1919 he married Sadie Ann Larsen of Harlan at Fremont, NE. They became the parents on one daughter and four sons. After their marriage, they farmed his uncle, Henry's, farm and

later moved to the Chris P. Larsen farm southwest of Harlan. They farmed there for the next 50 years. After the death of his wife Feb. 12, 1968, he continued to reside on the farm until 1973, when he moved into Harlan where he did part time farming for Lee Lytle. He also worked for Keith Kaufman at the Westside Lounge. In 1985 he was honored in Des Moines for being the oldest active bartender in IA at age 88 and did not retire until he was 91 years of age. In 1995 he received a 75 year WW I Commemorative Medal from the Robert H. McCormick Tribune Foundation honoring his service in that war. He was a past member of the Harlan American Legion, Helmer Reyelt Post #150. Nov. 9, 1995 he became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. It was there that he died June 4, 1996 at age 99 years, four months and 12 days.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two sons, Malvern and Richard; a daughter-in-law, Sally Erickson; a grandson, Trevor Erickson; a granddaughter, Melissa, and an infant grandson as well as his brothers, Oscar, Elmer and Carl Erickson, and his sisters, Toy, Helen, Stella and Alice. He is survived by his children, Darlene (Dean) Philson of Apollo Beach, FL; Ron (Donna) Erickson of Omaha, NE; Eldon (Lesly) Erickson of Harlan; and daughter-in-law, Ann Erickson of Jackson, GA; 12 grandchildren, nine great grandchildren; three step grandchildren and six step great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 7, 1996 at the Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Al Hazelton of First Assembly of God Church in Harlan officiating. Military rites were conducted in the Harlan Cemetery by the Harlan American Legion, Helmer Reyelt Post #150. Honorary casket bearers were Dean Claussen, Jack Claussen, Victor L. Morgan, Keith A. Kaufman, Raymond McLaughlin and Norman (Buster) Erickson. Casket bearers were John Hill, Scott Erickson, Dan Marku, Terry Pannell, Tracy Erickson and Steve Philson.