

Floyd B. Erickson, 90

March 12, 1909 - Jan. 6, 2000

HARLAN - Floyd Byron Erickson, son of John and Effie Irene (Barber) Erickson, was born March 12, 1909, on a farm near Kirkman. He was baptized and a lifetime member of the Methodist Church. He attended Danway Country School and entered high school in Kirkman, but due to the death of his father, he quit to provide for his mother, sisters and brother. When the family moved to Irwin he worked out as a hired man to area farmers.

March 15, 1930, he married Lucille F. Henderson from Manilla at the Methodist Church parsonage in Atlantic. To this union two sons were born, Dale and John. They worked and farmed in the Shelby County area, living most of their married life on a farm west of Harlan. In his lifetime as a farmer, he saw many changes. He loved horses and kept a team or two of work horses on the farm even after he was using tractors to do the farming. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan, and also a member of the Farm Bureau, the Farm Service Coop and the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 267 of Harlan. He died Jan. 6, 2000, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 90 years, nine months and 25 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Dale; and his daughter-in-law, Betty; his sisters, Alda, Ethel and Burma; and his brother, Galen Erickson. He is survived by his wife, Lucille Erickson of Harlan; his son, John Erickson (Verna) also of Harlan; five grandchildren, Erwin Erickson (Betty) of Ames; Roger Erickson (Jane) of Harlan; Norma Mertz of Harlan; Michael Erickson of Elk Horn; Jill and David Pappa of Lansing, MI; nine great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 8, 2000, at the Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan officiating. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery at Kirkman, with Erwin Erickson, Daniel Erickson, Roger Erickson, Michael Erickson, Dar Lund and Allan Erickson casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

