

Ellis R. Gearhart, 94

HARLAN — Ellis Raymond Gearhart, son of Charles and Florence Kibby Gearhart was born Dec. 3, 1892 near Harlan. He was educated and raised in Center twp. On June 28, 1916 he married Blanche Kemp at Harlan. He farmed in Center twp., most of his life and was a member of Parian Lodge No. 321, A.F. & A.M. He has been a resident of the Baptist Home since Oct. of 1982 and died there March 31, 1987 at age 94 years, 3 months and 28 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Blanche in 1984; son, Hoyt; brother, Owen; sister, Zella Philson and two grandchildren. Survivors include four sons, Hale of Great Falls, MT.; Lynn and Charles both of Harlan and Stuart of Reno, NV.; three daughters, Leota (Mrs Ed) Hansen of Harlan; Shirley (Mrs Robert) McDermott of Atlantic and Myrna (Mrs Dale) Poldberg of Harlan and brother, Orrell Gearhart of Harlan. He is also survived by 25 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were April 3, 1987 at Burmeister Funeral Home with Rev. George Gibson, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Verne Nelson, Robet Myers, Kelly Poldberg, Gary Riesgaard, Bruce Poldberg, Todd McDermott, Tony McDermott and Michael Gearhart serving as casketbearers.