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## **Orville Hansen, 74**

**Dec. 31, 1916 — Jan. 8, 1991**

**HARLAN** – Orville August "Herk" Hansen, son of August and Emma (Damgaard) Hansen was born Dec. 31, 1916, on a farm in Layton Twp., near Walnut in Pottawattamie county. He died Jan. 8, 1991, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 74 years and eight days. After graduating from Harlan High School in 1932, he was employed as a driver for Stowe Produce, also as the manager for Baker's Grocery Store in Harlan; and a driver for National By Products. June 30, 1941, he entered the U.S. Army, serving his country during WW II in Co. "B", 27th Medical Training Battalion. After his honorable discharge from the Army, he returned to the Shelby county area.

May 28, 1942, he married Irene Bieker at Defiance. Three children were born to this union. After his retirement in 1981, they continued to make their home in Harlan.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Irene; two daughters, Lesly (Eldon) Erickson of Harlan and Lynn Sparks of Des Moines; a son, Jim (Sandy) Hansen of Harlan; six grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; a brother, Vol "Ike" Hansen of Melbourne, FL.; two sisters, Iona Playle of Harlan, and Arlene Poland of Omaha, NE.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 11, 1991, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Al Hazelton of First Assembly of God Church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Jim Bieker, Dan Bieker, Bill Obrecht, Donald Stowe, Merle Hansen, and Donnie Hansen serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.