

Russell Hansen, 79

Aug. 30, 1922 - May 12, 2002

HARLAN - Russell Hansen was born to Mary (Petersen) and Hans T. Hansen at Jackson Township, Aug. 30, 1922. He was baptized at Bethlehem Lutheran Church near Jacksonville, and attended country school two miles north of Jacksonville.

June 24, 1987, Russell married Phyllis J. Hall at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The couple resided on a farm near Harlan. He farmed until his retirement in 1989. Following his retirement, they moved to Harlan. Russell died May 12, 2002, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 79 years, eight months and 12 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy Hansen, and his sister, Mabel Greve. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Hansen of Harlan; son, Jon Hansen (Luann) of Harlan; stepdaughters, Jean (Al) Leinen of Harlan; Deb (Randy) Nowatzke of Harlan and Carla (Mark) Hogue of Omaha, NE; 11 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; brothers, Tom Hansen (Mabel) and Ed Hansen (Catherine), both of Harlan; sisters, Myrtle Klindt and Hazel Hansen of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 14, 2002, at Pauley Funeral Home with the Rev. Al Hazelton officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Zachary Hogue, Randy Nowatzke, Dominic Leinen, Mark Hogue, Allen Leinen II and Matthew Leinen casket bearers.