

Wilfred N. Hess, 87

June 20, 1910 - Oct. 2, 1997

HARLAN - Wilfred Nicholas Hess, son of Andrew H. and Hannah (Christensen) Hess, was born June 20, 1910, in Jackson Township, Jacksonville. He was raised in Jacksonville, and attended Jackson #9 ("Copenhagen") School.

June 20, 1932, he married Alta V. Hansen at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. The couple farmed in rural Jacksonville until their retirement in 1971, when they moved to Harlan. Alta died in Harlan July 10, 1996. Wilfred remained in his own home until August, 1997, when he became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. He enjoyed music and played the trumpet when he was younger. He died Oct. 2, 1997, at the Salem Lutheran Home at age 87 years, three months and 12 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife, Alta Hess; one brother, Everett F. Hess; and one son, Duane G. Hess. Survivors include three sons, Dewey (Darlene) Hess and Dennis (Peggy) Hess all of Harlan and Dean Hess of Carlisle; one daughter-in-law, LuAnn Hess of Harlan; one sister, Margaret Christensen of Harlan; 12 grandchildren, Cynthia (Larry) Petersen, Ricky (Sheila) Hess, Rodney (Diane) Hess, Randall (Karen) Hess, Colette (Cilnton) Scheffler, Kevin (Lisa) Hess, Deanna (William) Specht, James (Lisa) Hess, Chad Hess, Douglas (Dawn) Hess, Kelli (James II) Burmeister and Jason Hess; 17 great grandchildren, Jennifer, Jeffrey and Adam Petersen; Ashley, Ryan and Jayden Hess; Jeremy and Austin Hess; Bryan, Dylan and Brandi Hess; Heather, Brooke and Chantel Scheffler; Megan and Hayle Hess and McKenzie Burmeister and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 6, 1997, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, with Pastor Mary Lunde officiating. Casket bearers were Rod Hess, Rick Hess, Doug Hess, Jamie Hess, Kevin Hess and Larry Petersen. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery in Jacksonville. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.