

Ralph Laver, 77

HARLAN - Ralph Delmar Laver, son of Ross and Stella (Sears) Laver, was born Nov. 26, 1913, at Humboldt, KS. He died Dec. 19, 1990, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 77 years and 23 days. He attended country school and grew to adulthood on the family farm.

July 1, 1939, he married Vera Cutler in Oklahoma City, OK. Eight children were born to this union. After their marriage, they worked on a dairy farm near Oklahoma City for three years before moving to a farm in Shelby County. Ralph retired from farming in 1972, and they moved into Harlan. This has been their home since that time. They were privileged to have celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary in July of this year. He attended the First Assembly of God Church in Harlan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn Ruth; four brothers, Harley, Edwin, Fred, and Harry; and three sisters, Hazel, Maggie, and Lena. Survivors include his wife, Vera of Harlan; two daughters, Margaret (Donald) Plumb, and Nancy (Tim) Grimsley, both of Harlan; five sons, Leslie (Marlys) of Beaverton, OR.; James (Eva) of Harlan; Lynn (Norma) of Rock Springs, WY.; Randy (Mary) of Co. Bluffs; and Gene (Suzanne), Harlan; 25 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; four sisters, Ruth Venable of Oklahoma City; Cora Seastedt, Ethel Barnett, and Mildred Romine, all of Humboldt, KS.; two brothers, Clyde and Ray Laver, both of Humboldt; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 22, 1990 at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Al Hazelton of First Assembly of God Church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Rose Hill cemetery in Kirkman with Don Davis, Frank West, Howard Gaer, Adrian Nelson, Lloyd L. Nelson, Randall Gessert, and Harold Lansman serving as honorary casketbearers. Serving as casketbearers were Bill Laver, Jim Stuart, Cole Laver, Dave Plumb, Jason Plumb, and Richard Armell. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.