

Wayne A. Lytle, 80

Feb. 3, 1919 – Aug. 16, 1999

HARLAN – Wayne Lytle, son of Jesse and Bettie (Hansen) Lytle, was born Feb. 3, 1919, on a farm near Persia. He graduated from Harlan High School in 1936.

Dec. 25, 1940, he married Ruby Anvick at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin. They began farming near Portsmouth, and in 1942, he entered the United States Navy. He served overseas in the Asia-Pacific area at Guadacanal, Vella Lavella, Saipan and Guam. After his discharge, he returned to Shelby County, where he and his wife continued to farm in the Harlan and Irwin areas. He served as the Farm Service Co-op elevator manager upon their move to Harlan in 1956. He later became an Agricultural Loan Officer for the Production Credit Association and the Harlan National Bank. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He died Aug. 16, 1999, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital at age 80 years, six months and 13 days.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Ruby, he was preceded in death by an infant son, Larry Wayne Lytle, and his brothers, Harold, Randall and Jesse Lee. Survivors include his children, Jack Lytle (Jeannie) of Omaha, NE; Barbara (Denzil) Nelson of Harlan; four grandchildren, Lisa Lytle, Libby (Michael) Burger, T.J. Nelson (Ashley), Aaron Nelson; two step grandsons, Brad and Jeff Nelson; three great grandsons, Wayne, Cody and Michael Nelson; brothers, Wendall Lytle (Virginia) of Harlan; Harry Lytle (Eloise) of Atlantic; sisters-in-law, Jeanne Lytle of Carroll; Vivian Lytle of Harlan; Mary "Babe" Lytle of Harlan; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 18, 1999, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Military rites were held in the Harlan Cemetery by the VFW Post No. 941 of Harlan and the American Legion, Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 of Harlan. Honorary casket bearers were T.J. Nelson, Ashley Nelson, Lisa Lytle, Libby Burger, Deb Nelson and Judi Nelson. Casket bearers were Bob Lytle, Peter N. Horne, Jerry Lytle, Aaron Nelson, Jeff Nelson and Brad Nelson.