

Melvin Madsen, 81 ✓

Dec. 18, 1910 — Feb. 20, 1992

ELK HORN — Melvin Madsen was born Dec. 18, 1910 in Jackson twp., Shelby county. His parents were John and Thora (Dahm) Madsen. Because of his mother's death, he was raised by an uncle and aunt, Chris and Ingeborg Hansen. He was baptized and confirmed in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville.

June 22, 1932, he married Verda Nelsen. After his marriage he joined the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. He was in the trucking business for several years and a cream hauler to Crystal Springs Creamery of Kimballton. They started farming in 1942. They lived for 33 years on the C.C. Nelsen home place, north and west of Elk Horn, where Verda was born. He was a member of the Marne-Elk Horn Telephone Company board for 31 years, also a member of the Crystal Springs Creamery board. In Feb. of 1987, they moved to the Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn, where Verda died in Nov. of that year. he died Feb. 20, 1992, in the Salem Nursing Home.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his wife, Verda. He is survived by two sons, Donald (Phyllis) of Kimballton; and Otis of Rural Route Elk Horn; 4 grandchildren; 1 great-granddaughter; a sister-in-law, Zona Larsen of Rural Route Harlan; and a cousin, Alice M. Doonan of Harlan.

Funeral services were held Feb. 22, 1992, in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton with Pastor John Riggle, officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran cemetery. Casketbearers were Donald and Otis Madsen, Chad Himmelberg, Terry Petersen, Leroy Larsen, and Al Wede.