

Simon Mathiasen, 100

HARLAN - Simon Mathiasen, the son of Niels and Ane Margrethe (Nielsen) Mathiasen was born July 11, 1889 in Center Twp., Shelby County. He died on Aug. 28, 1989, at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 100 years, one month and 17 days. He attended country school and grew to adulthood on his parents' farm.

Oct. 10, 1915, he married Annie Elizabeth Anderson in Miller, S.D. To this union five children were born. After their marriage, they farmed in the Shelby county area until 1945, at which time they moved into Harlan. After the death of Annie on March 4, 1968, he continued to make his home in Harlan, and in 1985, he became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. This has been his home since that time. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Harlan.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a son-in-law, John F. (Jack) Christensen; two great-grandchildren, Angela Lansman and Duane Aamodt III; four brothers, Ed, Chris, Willie and Simon; four sisters, Mary, Kjaerstine, Anna and Bertha. Surviving him are two sons, George and Don of Harlan; three daughters, Margaret Christensen of Gillette, WY.; Ruth and (Donald) Rahn of Austin, TX.; and Norma (Bob) Lansman of Harlan; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 31, 1989 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Walter Bernard of the Irwin United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Joe Kalal, Roger Luoma, Steven Boeck, Jeff Lansman, Richard Rahn, John Christensen and Darrel Mathiasen serving as casketbearers.