

## Virgil V. Mathiesen, 83

*Jan. 18, 1916 - Dec. 20, 1999*

**HARLAN** - Virgil Vernon Mathiesen, son of Marinus and Ella (Petersen) Mathiesen, was born Jan. 18, 1916, in Polk Township. He was baptized at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at Jacksonville, and attended the Polk No. 8 School.

Feb. 1, 1939, he married Kathryn Dawson at the Bethel Baptist Church in Harlan. They were the parents of three children, Vernon, Donald and Carol. After their marriage, they made their home in the Harlan area. He worked for Farm Service Coop in Harlan for 38 years, retiring in 1977. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan and served as a board president from 1951 to 1953. He died Dec. 20, 1999, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 83 years, 11 months and two days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn, and a grandson, Kristopher. Survivors include his children, Vernon Mathiesen (Carol) of Loudon, TN; Donald Mathiesen (Tomi) of Castle Rock, CO; Carol (Dennis) Woodin of Harlan; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren; his brother, Eugene Mathiesen (Roberta) of Loveland, CO; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 23, 1999, at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Jon Benson and Rev. Henry Flessner officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Randy Woodin, Dennis Woodin, Mike Mathiesen, Darrel Mathiasen. Eugene Mathiesen and Preston Mathiesen casket bearers.

