

Gerald P. McCord, 88

Feb. 3, 1911 - Dec. 18, 1999

HARLAN - Gerald Paul McCord, son of Charles and Maggie (Toepfer) McCord, was born Feb. 3, 1911, on a farm southeast of Atlantic. He attended country school in Atlantic, and worked on area farms.

Feb. 25, 1934, he married Violet Thomas at the home of her parents. After their marriage, he farmed near Atlantic, until the spring of 1935, when they moved to Dunlap and began to farm in that area where two daughters were born, Vera and Gerry. This was their home until 1960, when they began farming in Shelby County, near Harlan. He semi-retired and they made their home in Harlan. Violet became a resident at the Baptist Memorial Home in February of 1995, and died there Sept. 11, 1996. Gerald has since become a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. He did a lot of volunteer work for the First Christian Church. He died Dec. 18, 1999, at the Salem Lutheran Home at age 88 years, 10 months and 15 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Violet; and his brothers and sister, Cecil, Leland, Lloyd, Margaret and half-brother, Russell McCord. Survivors include his daughters, Vera (David) Stewart of Harlan and Gerry (Lloyd) Messenger of Woodbine; nine grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Elsie McCord of Dallas City, IL; a cousin, Martha Barnes of Carter Lake; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 21, 1999, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Carl Rambo and Rev. Don Schoepf officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Lois Martin, Janice Greve, Lori Kenton, Kelly Messenger, Kathe Stewart honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Jim Stewart, Zachary Stewart, John Stewart, Mathew Martin, Paul Stewart, Jamie Martin, Jeff Messenger and Gerrit Messenger.

