



## Clarence R. Nelson, 88

**HARLAN** — Clarence Rudolph Nelson, son of James Gregory and Carrie Marie (Nelson) Nelson, was born June 5, 1899 on a farm south of Harlan. He died at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk

Horn, Aug. 1, 1987, at age 88 years, one month and 27 days. He attended country school at Center Twp. No. 8 and grew to adulthood while helping on his parents farm.

On Dec. 4, 1924, he married Elsie Larsen at his parent's farm near Harlan. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed the Nelson family farm for many years. In 1958, they retired from farming, but continued to live on the farm until 1963 when they moved into Harlan. In Dec. of 1976, they became residents of the Salem Lutheran Retirement Home in Elk Horn. After Mrs. Nelson died on May 20, 1978, he continued to make his home at the Salem Retirement Home.

He was a member of the Grace Baptist church in Harlan, where he was a Deacon for many years and also a Sunday school teacher.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by five sisters, Edythe, Agnes, Ella, Mildred and Edna. He is survived by one daughter, Lucille (Mrs. Andreas) Kjergaard of Audubon; two sons, Donald Nelson of Harlan and Gordon Nelson of Audubon; nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lilas Peterson of Harlan; and Nina (Mrs. Dale H.) Nelson of Phoenix, OR; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Aug. 3, 1987 at the Grace Baptist church in Harlan with Pastor Davis Hess, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with John Nelson, Jerry Nelson, Verne Nelson, Dean Nelson, Bob Hansen, Stan Kjergaard and Kenneth W. Peterson serving as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.