Elmer C. Nelson, 80

JACKSONVILLE — Elmer C. Nelson, the son of Charlie T. and Larsena "Sena" (Larsen) Nelson was born Dec. 12, 1906, on a farm in Jackson Twp. in Shelby county. He attended Jackson Township country school and grew to adulthood on the family farm. On April 9, 1930, he married Rosa Goans at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. Two children were born to this union.

They continued to live on the family farm for a short while before moving into Jacksonville where he worked as a trucker for Pete Andersen and Marcussen Brothers. He then purchased his own corn sheller which he operated for a time. He worked at the Jacksonville Store, and also at Hansen Garage before moving to Harlan in 1960, where he became employed at Shelby County operating maintainer. He retired in 1975. After the death of Rosa on June 16, 1977, he continued to live in Harlan until May of 1978, when he became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. He died July 20, 1987 at age 80 years, seven months and eight days. He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran church in Jacksonville.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Leonard and Peter. He is survived by a son, Donald of Austin, AR and a daughter, Beverly (Mrs Benjamin) Whitman of Applegate, CA; two grandsons; six sisters, Elva (Mrs Hans) Petersen of Elk Horn; Florence (Mrs Wilhelm) Petersen of Kimballton; Edia (Mrs Albert) Marsh of Harlan; Nettie Nelson of Harlan; Frances (Mrs Harry) Wendt of Avoca and Louisa (Mrs Elmer) Groman of Avoca; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held on July 23, 1987 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, with Rev. LeVern Nielsen of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville cemetery with Ronald Wendt, Earl Andersen, Howard Hansen, Burdette Poldberg, Lester V. Petersen and Ernest D. Petersen serving as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.