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Oliver Laverne Nelson, 81

Jan. 7, 1912 — May 18, 1993

ELK HORN — Oliver Laverne Nelson, son of Chris and Edna (Willadsen) Nelson, was born Jan. 7, 1912, in rural Irwin. He was raised in the Fiscus area. For eight years, he farmed near Irwin, and then south of Fiscus, in Audubon county (Douglas Township) for 22 years. He also worked for Salem Lutheran Homes for seven years.

May 26, 1940, he married Helen Heflin in Harlan. He was a member of Monroe United Methodist Church. He died May 18, 1993, at Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn, at age 81 years, 4 months and 11 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one son-in-law, Fred Redfern; and one infant brother. Survivors include his wife, Helen of Elk Horn; two daughters, Linda Redfern of Osceola; and Vicky (Craig) Parker of Co. Bluffs; one brother, Chris Nelson of Baker, MT.; 4 sisters, Valdene Bowen of AZ.; Dorothy Petersen of Harlan; Eunice Nelsen of Kimballton; and Shirley Nelsen of Elk Horn; six grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 21, 1993 at Burmeister Funeral Home with Rev. Steve Clinton officiating. Casketbearers were Keith Madsen, Larry Manz, Robert Roenfeld, James Doonan, Kelly Doonan, and Jay Doonan. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery. Arrangements by Burmeister Funeral Home.