

✓ Donald Nelson, 76

Sept. 1, 1919 - Sept. 11, 2005

HARLAN — Donald Dean Nelson, son of Clarence and Elsie (Larsen) Nelson, was born Sept. 1, 1929, on a farm near Harlan. He attended school at Harlan. After finishing school, he began to farm with his father for a few years and also worked for area farmers. After farming for some time, he was employed at Shelby Fertilizer. He also worked for the Harlan Pork Plant, Burger Heavy Equipment, G.A. Findley and Sta-Built driving truck.

In May of 1951, Donald married Bonnie Frahm in Harlan. Three children were born to this union, Linda, Verne and Dean. After their marriage, they continued to make their home in Shelby County and in 1966 moved into Harlan from Shelby. He died Sept. 11, 2005, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 76 years and 10 days.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Bonnie. Survivors include his children, Linda Thielen of Broomfield, CO; Verne Nelson (Ilene) of Harlan; Dean Nelson (Denise) of Harlan; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; his brother, Gordon Nelson (Thelma) of Harlan; his sister, Lucille Kjergaard of Audubon; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 15, 2005, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, with Pastor Heather Ploen officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery with Todd Thielen, Nate Nelson, Chad Thielen, Scott Nelson, Donnie Thielen, Mark Nelson, Brad Nelson, Natasha Nelson, Rachel Nelson, and Cari Nelson casket bearers.

