

## William Oliver, 83

Jan. 8, 1929 - Oct. 4, 2012

**HARLAN** — William Franklin Oliver was born on January 8, 1929 to John Henry and Eva Deveda (Taylor) Oliver in Audubon. William went to Audubon Schools where he graduated from Audubon High School with the Class of 1947.

February 21, 1955, William was united in marriage to Ruth Ellen Nichols in Atlantic. In February of 1957 he and Ruth moved from Audubon to Shelby County, where he spent most of his working years driving a truck for area businesses and farmers. William and Ruth moved into Harlan the summer of 1963. William enjoyed hunting, fishing, and racing. He once sold a race car to Tiny Lund. He was the gatekeeper at Shelby County Speedway for many years. He liked visiting with people, especially on the C.B. radio where "Wahoo Kid" was his handle. He died Oct. 4, 2012 at age 83.

William is survived by his children George (Susan) Oliver of Logan; Eva (Jim) Laver, Bonnie (Larry) Blaine, William Oliver, June (Ray) Sorensen, Cathy Oliver and Colleen Oliver, all from Harlan. Grandchildren: Jerry Stogdill, Heather (Cory) Pals, Loretta (Dan) Umbenhower, Bridgette Laver, Jesse Blaine, Noah (Jessica) Schilling, Mariah Laver, Dustin Blaine, Lacy Schilling, Clara Mohr, Jake Laver, Autumn Oliver, Sarah Oliver and Julia Oliver, nine great-grandchildren; other family members and many friends.

Richard Jones officiated the graveside service on Monday, October 8, 2012 at the Harlan Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were William Oliver, Jim Laver, and Cory Pals. Serving as casket bearers were Larry Blaine, Noah Schilling, Ray Sorensen, Jesse Blaine, Dustin Blaine, Dan Umbenhower, Jake Laver, and John Mohr. Interment was held at the Harlan Cemetery in Harlan.



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