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Leroy E. Perkins, 96

SHELBY - Leroy Evans Perkins was born in High Five, which was a small community south of Treynor, on May 7, 1892. He was the son of Isaac and Alice Stevens Perkins. He was one of ten children in the family. The family moved quite often and he attended school in Oakland through the 4th grade when he began to help his father on the farm. He served in the Army during WWI, serving from July 26, 1918 until May 31, 1919. In October of 1918, he went overseas and served in France where he filled sand bags for the trenches.

He married Ella Marie Stuhr on February 22, 1927, in the Court House in Red Oak. That evening they attended the Washington Birthday Dance at Red Oak. After their marriage he farmed with Ella's father, John Stuhr. In 1935 they moved to Shelby to make their home. He worked for Shelby County on a road maintainer and he also worked for Jacobsen Construction of Hancock. He was a member of the Shelby American Legion Post #240. She died October 10, 1981. He became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan, on October 7, 1983, and it was there where he died July 23, 1988, at age 96 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Ella, two brothers, Jesse Perkins and Dan Perkins, four sisters, Emma Coleman, Maude Kindig, Carrie Putnam and Orpha Opperle. He is survived by three sisters, Eva Boyd of Griswold, Elsie Pickenpaugh of Oakland, and Marie Topping of Council Bluffs, besides many nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were July 25, 1988, at Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home with Reverend Ralph Erts officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery with Gayle Perkins, Duane Putnam, John Sorensen, Bill Christians, Don Schoening and Leland Oakes as casket bearers.