

## Ralph Rettig, 83

May 20, 1913 - Sept. 6, 1996

**HARLAN** - Ralph Merton Rettig, son of Paul and Gertrude Bidinger Rettig, was born May 20, 1913, at Harlan. He graduated from Harlan High School and then began working with his father in the family harness maker business and also made and repaired auto side curtains and tops and installed auto glass. April 30, 1942, he entered the United States Army Air Force serving his country during WW II where he was stationed in England working in ground crew for bombers. After his honorable discharge Aug. 31, 1945, he returned to the Shelby County area.

June 1, 1947, he married Evelyn Garst at the Methodist Church in Harlan, and they made their home in Harlan. After her death Feb. 14, 1972, he continued to reside in Harlan.

He married Ella McKenzie and they eventually moved back East to make their home. He eventually returned to the Harlan area to reside. He died Sept. 6, 1996, at the Manilla Manor in Manilla, at age 83 years, three months and 17 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Evelyn. He is survived by many friends.

Funeral services were held Sept. 12, 1996, at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Denny Heflin, Horace Graves, Graham Gould, Richard A. Jones, Bob Morris and Philip M. Langenfeld casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.