

Howard Gilbert Rasmussen, 90

Nov. 29, 1906 - Feb. 2, 1997

HARLAN - Howard Gilbert Rasmussen, son of Hans and Christena (Nyrup) Rasmussen, was born Nov. 29, 1906, in rural Harlan. He attended Center #7 country school and graduated from Harlan High School.

May 31, 1931, he married Alma M. Nielsen in Co. Bluffs. The couple farmed in rural Harlan until 1961, when they moved into town. He then worked first for the Soil Conservation Service, and later as a groundskeeper at Myrtue Memorial Hospital. They moved into the Elm Crest Apartments in 1992, and then to the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, in June 1993. She died Aug. 11, 1993, in Elk Horn. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Harlan, where he had served on the Board of Trustees for many years. He was also a member of the Building Committee when the church building was originally built. He died Feb. 2, 1997, at the Salem Lutheran Home at age 90 years, two months and four days.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife, Alma; one infant son, and one grandson, Scott Andersen. Survivors include one daughter, Diane (Emmert) Andersen of Kirkman; one son, Dean (Caren) Rasmussen of Broad Brook, CT; one brother, Melvin (Dorothy) Rasmussen and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 5, 1997, at the First Baptist Church in Harlan, with Rev. John E. Hester officiating. Casket bearers were Steve Mathiasen, Edward Mathiasen, Gary Jorgensen, Myron Sorensen, Dale Sorensen and Jerry Larson. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.