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Joseph J. Schleimer, 88

March 25, 1907-May 25, 1995

Shelby- Joseph John Schleimer, son of Antone and Wilhelmina (Behrendt) Schleimer was born March 25, 1907 at Westphalia Township of Shelby County. He was raised on his parent's farm and attended a rural school in the Westphalia area.

Sept. 24, 1932 he married Opal Mae Fitzgerald at Papillion, NE. Two daughters, Bonnie Jean and Verla Mae, were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed north of Harlan for a few years. In 1942, they moved to the Tennant community and for their last years made their home in Shelby. On Oct. 3, 1990, he became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home and this is where he died May 25, 1995, at age 88 years and two months.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife Opal July 20, 1981

two brothers, John and Tony Schleimer and one sister, Mary Thraen. Surviving are his two daughters, Bonnie (Richard) Miller of Tennant and Verla (Harold) Keim of Co. Bluffs, one brother, Frank Schleimer of Harlan and three sisters Celia Fitzgerald of Logan; Katherine Ferry of Manilla and Bette (Cleo) Anderson of Harlan; four grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 30, 1995 at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan with Pastor Ernest C. Ruehle of United Methodist Church in Tennant officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery with James L. Keim, Ronald F. Miller, Lisa Keim, Laura Holcomb and Michael Holcomb, honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Marvin Thraen, William Fitzgerald Jr., Ray Schleimer, Loren E. Ferry, David C. Anderson and Howard Thraen.