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Sam G. Smith, 88

HARLAN – Sam Guthrie Smith, son of Robert and Charlotte (Holmes) Smith, was born Aug. 17, 1901, on a farm near Defiance. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, July 19, 1990, at age 88 years, 11 months and 2 days. He attended country school near Defiance, and grew to adulthood on his parents farm.

Dec. 8, 1928, he married Edna Jensen at the Defiance United Methodist Church Parsonage. Four children were born to this union. After they were married, he worked on a farm for one year, and then moved to a farm north of Defiance. After farming there for a few years, they moved to a farm by Irwin. They farmed there for 20 years. In 1955, they moved to a farm near Audubon. This was their home until they retired in 1963 and moved to Harlan. This has been their home since that time. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant son, Darwin; three sisters, Myrtle Mitchill, Anna Fraziers and Rose Bergthold and five brothers, Albert, Floyd, Lloyd, Roy and Murl.

He is survived by his wife, Edna of Harlan; one daughter, Lorraine (Norman) Christiansen of Charter Oak; two sons, Duane (Dorothy) of Audubon; and Dale (Jeanette) of Sterling; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one brother, Earl of Tennant; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 21, 1990 at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan with Rev. Janne A. Clinton and Rev. D. Stephen Clinton officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Dan Smith, Todd Smith, Brian Smith, Gary Christiansen, Mark Christiansen, and Craig Christiansen serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.