

Walter James Stewart, 91

April 8, 1905 - Jan. 16, 1997

HARLAN - Walter James Stewart, son of I.G. and Laura (Doonan) Stewart, was born April 8, 1905, in Jackson Township, rural Harlan. He lived in Jacksonville, most of his life.

Feb. 14, 1929, he married Vinonia "Vi" Steffusen at her parents' home in Fairview Township. The couple farmed 3/4 mile south of Jacksonville until their retirement in 1988, when they moved into Harlan. She died Aug. 17, 1995, at the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Harlan, and was a 60-year member of the Odd Fellows Lodge #267 of Harlan. He was also an active member of the Farm Bureau for many years, where he had served as treasurer. He died Jan. 16, 1997, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 91 years, nine months and eight days.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one son, Eugene Stewart; one brother, Kenneth Stewart, and one sister, Gladys Maassen. Survivors include one daughter, Marilyn (Delbert) Hinz of Harlan; six grandchildren; eight great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 20, 1997, at the First Baptist Church in Harlan, with the Rev. John E. Hester officiating. Casket bearers were David Stewart, Paul Stewart, Jim Stewart, John Stewart, Verle Doonan and John White. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.