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## Howard "Kennie" Thogersen, 92

*July 21, 1915 - Oct. 12, 2007*

**HARLAN** — Howard Kenneth Thogersen, son of Paul and Sena (Sorensen) Thogersen, was born July 21, 1915, in rural Harlan. He attended Harlan Schools. After completing the ninth grade, he worked on a Missouri horse farm. He was later employed as a heavy equipment operator, building pipelines around the country; one of these lines was the Alaskan pipeline.

Nov. 14, 1942, Howard married Lorene Nagel in Bernie, MO. The couple retired in Lansing, IL, in the early 1980's, and returned to Harlan in June, 2006. At this time they became residents of the Elm Crest Retirement Community. He was a member of the Local #150 Operating Engineers Union. He died Oct. 12, 2007, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 92 years, two months, and 21 days.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Ruth Alice Ten Eyck. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Lorene Thogersen of Harlan; nieces and nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 15, 2007, at the Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home with Pastor Heather Ploen of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan officiating. Casket bearers were Dennis Svoboda, Dane Svoboda, Ethan Ten Eyck, and Jon Burmeister. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery.

