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Verne Edwin West, 84

March 27, 1910 - Oct. 5, 1994

Harlan - Verne Edwin West, son of Sam B. and Ella Marie (Knudson) West, was born March 27, 1910, in Irwin, where his parents farmed. The family moved to Harlan in 1924, and he graduated from Harlan High School in 1928. He then attended Coyne Electrical College in Chicago, IL.

April 1, 1938, he married Evelyn Meyer in Papillion, NE. From April, 1944, through November, 1945, he served in the U.S. Navy. After his return from the Service, he worked as a plumbing and heating contractor for Knapp Contracting. Later, he was self-employed in the plumbing and heating business. He also held many other interesting jobs, including working 20 years at the Harlan Post Office in the maintenance department. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan. He died Oct. 5, 1994, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 84 years, 6 months, and 8 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one brother, Harold; and three infant daughters. Survivors include his wife, Evelyn of Harlan; one daughter, Elaine (Marvin) Schramm of Harlan; five sons, Lugene (Caryl) West of Harlan, Edward (Pat) Pedersen of Savannah, GA, Robert (Marlene) West of Mesa, AZ, Ronald West of Harlan, and Richard (Kathy) West of Des Moines, one brother, Floyd (Donna) West of Harlan; 22 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Oct. 8, 1994, at Burmeister Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Casket bearers were Ray Kloewer, Allen West, Dennis Meyer, James West, Clarence Brinker, and Ernest Lefeber. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.