

Nicholas White, 95

Dec. 7, 1914 - Nov. 3, 2010



HARLAN — Nicholas Harold White, son of John H. And Helena (Hess) White, was born December 7, 1914 on a farm near Jacksonville. Nick attended school at the Jackson Township No. 9 and after testing out of the 8th grade after their 7th grade year, he and his twin brother James joined their father on the family farm. July 3, 1942, Nick was inducted into the United States Armed Forces at Ft. Crook, NE. Nick attained the rank of Staff Sergeant while serving as a member of the Army's 93rd Ordnance Company which operated in Africa, Sicily, Italy, Germany and France. During his tour of duty, he received a commendation for designing a modification to the M4 Prime Mover. While in Germany, Nick's unit was one of the first to liberate the prisoners at the Dachau Concentration Camp on April 29, 1945. Nick received his honorable discharge on October 13, 1945 at Ft. Sheridan, IL and returned to farm with his brother and father in Shelby County.

October 9, 1946, Nick was united in marriage to Irma Albertsen at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville in a double wedding ring ceremony with Norma and Verner Arnvig. Two children were born to this union, Sharon and John. After their marriage, Nick and Irma farmed on the White family farm until 1954 when a portion of the farm was used to form Prairie Rose Lake. Nick and Irma then moved to a farm west of Jacksonville and near the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. In 1981, Nick and Irma moved into Harlan and this is when Nick retired from farming. Although retired, Nick continued to help his son, John, with the farm work for many years. In later years, Nick maintained the grounds at the farm including mowing, trimming and upkeep of the buildings. Nick was very proud of his family, his farm, his flag and his faith while being a longtime member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. While a member of the church, Nick was active as a Sunday School teacher, served on the church board, and enjoyed singing in the choir and with the men's quartet. After health issues in the Spring of 2009, Nick made his home at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn until June of 2009 when he became a resident of the Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan. This is where he died on November 3, 2010 having attained the age of ninety-five years, ten months and twenty-seven days.

In addition to his parents, Nick was preceded in death by his twin brother James and his sister, Evelyn Johnson. He is survived by his wife, Irma White of Harlan; his daughter, Sharon and her husband John Davenport of Victoria, MN; his son John White and his wife Lynne of Harlan; his grandchildren: Hava and her husband Chad Dennler, Hall Johnson, Jared Johnson, Joel White, Jaurel White, Jeffrey White and Jacie White; his great grandchildren: Brett Gaer, Jordan Gaul and Logan Butler; twin sisters Margaret Christensen of Harlan and Mabel Hansen of Council Bluffs; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 A.M. on Monday, November 8, 2010 by Pastors Ron Rasmussen and Mike Ploen at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. Military Rites were conducted by the Shelby County VFW, Post No. 941 and the Harlan American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 with Doug Nelson, Richard Klitgaard, Lyle Knudsen, Kenneth Kenkel, Anker Rasmussen, Chuck Jacobs and James Kemp serving as honorary casket bearers and Joel White, Barney Ahrnholtz, Brian Grote, Jeffrey White, Harold Pieper, Jared Johnson, Chad Dennler and Randy Jensen serving as casket bearers.

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