

# Delbert D. Best, 101

Harlan - Delbert Diemer Best, the son of Joseph F. and Euta Diemer Best, was born in Savanna, Ill., on Aug. 18, 1878. As a baby, he moved with his parents to Iowa and the family settled in Shelby county in 1882. He attended school and grew to adulthood in Shelby county.

In June of 1905, he married Angie Stewart and they farmed in the Harlan and Shelby vicinities until 1929 when they moved to a farm east of Oakland. After Angie's death in 1934, Delbert continued to live on the farm.

In Feb. of 1936, he married Stella Pollock. They made their home on the farm near Oakland until retiring and moving into Oakland. After Stella's death in 1969, Bert continued to make his home in Oakland until becoming a resident of Peace Haven Home in Walnut. He later became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan.

On May 5, 1971, he married Vina Nelson Arentson at the Baptist Memorial Home and this has been their home since that time. Delbert was privileged to celebrate his 101th birthday in August of 1978. Mr. Best died at the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan on Saturday, February 15, 1980, at age of 101 years, 5 months and 27 days. He had been an active member of the Methodist church in each community in which he lived and always held

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various offices and sang in the choir.

In addition to his parents and Angie and Stella Best, he was preceded in death by four brothers - Orrin, Oscar, Edward, and Walter; and three sisters - Almeda, Nettie, and Jennie. Survivors include his wife, Vina, of Harlan; four step-children, Elaine Scull and Eleanor (Mrs. Ted Allen), both of Harlan, Dale Arentson of Eldridge, and Rosalie (Mrs. Glenn French) of Higginville, Mo.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, on Monday, Feb. 18, 1980, with Pastor A.B. Neuenschwander, pastor of the Bethel Baptist church in Harlan, officiating. Graveside services were conducted in Oak Lawn cemetery in Oakland, with Rev. D. Ward Young, pastor of the Oakland United Methodist church, officiating and Ted Allen, Jeff Allen, Lloyd Davis, Dwight Marsh, Roger McMartin, and Maurice Miller serving as casketbearers.