



# In Memoriam

Sept. 10, 1979

## Raleigh Erdman, 87

Raleigh David Erdman, the son of William and Catherine Klinger Erdman, was born in Larned, Kans., on Jan. 9, 1892. He attended school and grew to adulthood in Larned. On May 25, 1913, Raleigh was married to Gussie Thompson at Great Bend, Kans. Three children were born to this union.

Shortly after their marriage, Mr and Mrs Erdman moved to Liberal, Kans., and this was their home until 1916 when they moved to Cimarron, Kans., where Raleigh was a merchant active in the produce and lumber business. He retired in 1955 but they continued to make their home in Cimarron until 1976 when they moved to Harlan, to be near their daughter. In Aug. of this year, Mr Erdman became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. It was here that he died on Sept. 4, 1979, having attained the age of 87 years, 7 months and 25 days. He had been a member of the First United Methodist church in Harlan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers - Charles and William Erdman; and two sisters - Beulah Starr and Ruby Erdman, his twin. His survivors include his wife, Gussie, of Harlan; two sons - Raleigh D. Erdman, Jr. of Oklahoma City, Okla., and William R. Erdman of Albuquerque, New Mexico; a daughter, Carolyn (Mrs Joseph Spearing) of Harlan; 5 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren;

nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 7, 1979 with Dr. Larry LaVelle, pastor of the First United Methodist church in Harlan, officiating.

Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery, Harlan, with Les Grieder, John T. Adam, Don Petersen, Abe B. Erdman, Harold Havick and John R. Spearing serving as pallbearers.