

The Life Story of --

CELIUS LARSON, 77

JACKSON — Celius Peter Larson, son of Soren and Karen Hansen Larson, was born on a farm in Center township, Shelby county, on April 26, 1897. He died at his home in Harlan on Febr. 1, 1975, at age 77 years, 9 months and 6 days. At the age of two, he moved with his parents to a farm east of Harlan which was his home for the next 50 years. He was baptized at the Bethlehem Lutheran church in Jacksonville. On May 8, 1918, he married Matie Hansen at the Bethlehem Lutheran church. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Larson farmed in Center township. This was their home until they retired from the farm and moved to Harlan, in 1947.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister - Anna (Mrs John Maxwell) and three brothers - Chris, Ankjer and Albert Larson. He is survived by his wife Matie of Harlan; one son - Clarence Larson of Harlan; two daughters - Evelyn (Mrs Kenneth Nielsen) of Olympia Fields, Ill., and Darlene (Mrs John Rasmussen) of Harlan; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren; by two brothers, Henry of Harlan, and Carl of Irwin; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Febr. 4, 1975 at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, with Rev Larry LaVelle, officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville cemetery with Ronald Nielsen, Carlyle Larson, Norval Larson, Larry Allen, Ricky Rasmussen and Arthur Maxwell serving as pallbearers.
