

# Earl C. Nelson, 68

Harlan — Earl Christian Nelson, son of Thor and Marie Nissen Nelson was born May 14, 1909, on a farm in Shelby county. He attended country school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm near Kimballton.

On Oct. 13, 1946 he married Doris Thompsen at the Presbyterian church in Audubon. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Nelson farmed near Kimballton until 1968 when they retired and moved to Harlan. After moving, Earl was employed by Shelby county for a short time.

He died March 3, 1978, while working on the Russell Petersen farm north of Kimballton at age 68 years, 9 months and 19 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant son, David and his sister, Ruby (Mrs Leonard Fiscus). Earl is survived by his wife, Doris, of Harlan; three daughters - Diane (Mrs Rick Ware) of Ottumwa, Lorraine (Mrs Steven Hoefft) and Denise Nelson, both of Harlan; one son, Gordon, of Harlan and three grandchildren; by two brothers - Lee of Kimballton and Gerald of Audubon; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Monday, March 6, 1978 with Rev. Merle R. Manselle, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville cemetery with Oliver Nelson, Wesley Peterson, Gene Ballantyne, Russell Petersen, Martin J. Nielsen, and David L. Christensen serving as casketbearers.