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William F.S. Rickers, 90

William Frederick Stevens Rickers, the son of Fred and Anna Jans Rickers was born Dec. 8, 1892, on a farm in Carroll co., south of Arcadia. He was baptized at a young age into the Presbyterian church. He attended country school and grew to adulthood on his parents farm.

On Dec. 12, 1917, he married Emma Sohl on her parents farm near Millard, Neb. Two children were born to this union. After marriage, they farmed near Westside, until 1935, when they moved to a farm near Harlan in Shelby co. In 1949, he retired and they moved to Omaha, Neb. They remained in Omaha until 1974, when they moved back to Harlan. This has been their home since that time. He died at his home in Harlan on Saturday, July 2, 1983, at the age of 90 years, 7 months and 25 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one great grandson, Stephen Pederson, one grandson, Roger A. Rickers, and two brothers, Louis and Edward Rickers. He is survived by his wife, Emma of Harlan; one son, Quentin of Harlan; and one daughter, Ruth (Mrs Clifford) Tetzloff of Ann Arbor, Mich.; six grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren; one brother, Raymond and two sisters, Hilda and Melinda, all of Westside; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Tuesday, July 5, 1983 with Dr. Larry Lavelle of the First United Methodist church in Harlan. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Ivan Rickers, Merlin Rickers, Myron Dettbarn, Robert Rickers, Arthur L. Maxwell, Allan A. Andersen, all serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of handling the arrangements.