

Harry C. Nielsen, 77

SHELBY — Harry C. Nielsen, the son of Knud and Mattie (Christensen) Nielsen was born on June 11, 1909, west of Brayton. He attended school in Brayton and Jacksonville. His father died when he was nine years old in the 1918 flu epidemic. He grew to adulthood on his mother's farm. He was baptized in the Lutheran church, and confirmed at the Bethlehem Lutheran church in Jacksonville. Prior to his marriage, he was employed by Ben Hanson at Jacksonville, erecting windmills.

On July 16, 1929, he married Vernie Petersen in Carroll. Two daughters were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in Shelby and Audubon counties. They have resided on a farm west of Corley since 1956. He retired from farming in 1973, and they have continued to reside on the farm since that time.

He died Jan. 30, 1987 at Myrtue hospital in Harlan at age 77 years, seven months and 19 days. He was a past member of the Bethlehem Lutheran church in Jacksonville. In 1948, he became a member of the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant daughter, one sister, Clara and two infant granddaughters, Monte and Bruce Rold. He is survived by his wife, Vernie of Shelby; a daughter, Phyllis (Mrs Robert) Rold of Harlan; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one brother, LeRoy; one sister, Hilda; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 2, 1987 at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan with Pastor Paul Olsen and Pastor Otto Zwanziger of the Immanuel Lutheran church, officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville cemetery with Mark Rold, Brent L. Petersen, Craig A. Petersen, Brett Rold, Kevin L. Petersen and Eldon Christensen serving as casketbearers.