

# Russell R. Penry, 71

**KIRKMAN** — Russell Riley Penry, son of James M. and Friscilla Penry, was born on a farm near Red Oak on March 12, 1906. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, on May 21, 1977 at age 71 years, two months and nine days. He attended country school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. He then farmed with his parents for several years. On Sept. 15, 1937, he married Minnie Petersen in Harlan. Two children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Penry lived in Harlan for a short time and then made their home in Kirkman. Mr Penry was employed as a truck driver for the Harlan Lumber Yard for 20 years. After retiring in 1966, he continued to make his home in Kirkman until becoming a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan in April of this year. This has been his home since that time. Mr Penry was a member of the First Baptist church in Elk Horn.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters. His survivors include his wife, Minnie Penry of Kirkman; a son, LeRoy Penry of Omaha; a daughter, Joyce Ann Bently of Norfolk, Nebr.; three grandchildren; three brothers - Bert Penry of Red Oak; Elmer Penry of Brooks and Ray Penry of Seattle, Wash.; a sister, Mabel Carroll of Walnut; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Tuesday, May 24, 1977, with Dr. H. K. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist church in Elk Horn, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Harlan Huckins, Roy W. Wittrup, Eugene J. Larsen, Leo H. Kragelund, Arthur Christensen and Clarence W. Nelson serving as casketbearers.