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Forrest Brouhard, 80

HARLAN – Forrest Edward Bouhard, son of Dollie (McCord) and E.J. Brouhard was born Dec. 5, 1909 on a farm 2 1/2 miles southwest of Colo. He graduated from Collins High School in Collins in 1927. He attended lowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls and graduated in 1932. He received a master's degree from the University of lowa in 1936.

He began his career in education in 1932 as a 7th grade teacher and assistant basketball coach in New Hartford. Later, he taught math and science in the high school at Dumont. From 1939-1944 he was Superintendent of Viola Twp. Consolidated School at Gray, and coached a state champion girl's basketball team.

Aug. 1, 1944, he took the position of County Superintendent of the Shelby County Schools in Harlan. In 1962, he was instrumental in establishing Shelby County's first special,

education trainable class. In 1966, in addition to Shelby County, he also served as County Superintendent of Cass County. He retired June 30, 1975 after 31 years of being the Shelby County Superintendent and 9 years as Cass County Superintendent. He guided Shelby County through The agony of court battle regarding consolidation.

Dec. 22, 1938, he married Lavinia Kathleen North of Vail. They established their family home at 1204 Baldwin St., in 1944. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Christ of Harlan, a 57 year member of the Masonic Lodge, a member of the Lebanon Chapter of Eastern Star, and a member of the Abu Bekr Aider of the Shrine. He was a member of the Shelby County Historical Society and a life member of Iowa State Historical Society, a life member of the National Educational honorary member of lowa School Administrators.

Upon retirement in 1975, they established a winter home in Venice, FL. He was an associate member of Grace United Methodist Church in Venice. He died at Venice Nursing Papillion South in Venice, FL., Aug. 13, 1990, at age 80 years, 8 months and 8 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Leona (Harry) Maier of Lehigh, and his wife, Lavinia in 1986. He is survived by a son, John Forrest of Tempe, AZ.; daughters, Celinda (John) Pearson of Altadena, CA., and Sandra (Allen) Petsche of Harlan; a sister, Erma (William) Stewart of Pearce, AZ.; five grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Memorial services were held Aug. 15, 1990 at Grace United Methodist Church in Venice, FL., and Aug. 25, 1990 at First Methodist Church of Harlan with Rev. Steve Clinton, officiating. The burial service was at Vail cemetery, with close family members in attendance.