

George Boltinghouse, 101

Sept. 19, 1905 - Nov. 7, 2006

HARLAN—George Lewis Boltinghouse was born Sept. 19, 1905, to James and Clara (Boyer) Boltinghouse at their home in Gravity, in Taylor County. He was baptized at the Blue Grove Christian Church and attended Frog Pond School during his elementary years. He graduated from Lenox High School in 1925 and attended Simpson College of Business in Indianola graduating in 1927 and returned to Lenox to work at Barber & Boltinghouse.

June 4, 1931, George married Edith Tully at the home of her parents in Lenox. One son, Earl, was born to this union. George moved his family to Harlan in 1935 and worked as a bookkeeper for Fred Hansen Garage until 1942. At that time, he became the area representative for International Harvester at Scroggins Implement Company. He retired in 1969 working for Wilson Hybrid Seed Company until 1989. George and Edith would spend their winters in Florida where he worked for the Avis car rental company. He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge in Harlan. He was also a member of the United Methodist Church in Harlan. He moved to the Elm Crest Retirement Center in the early 1990's. It was at Elm Crest that he died Nov. 7, 2006, at age 101 years, one month, and 19 days.

In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by his wife of almost 70 years, Edith, and a brother, Reldon. He is survived by his son, Dr. Earl Boltinghouse (JoAnn) of Harlan; his brother, Gail Boltinghouse (Jeannete) of Des Moines; three grandchildren, Jeff Boltinghouse of Nevada, Kerry Boltinghouse of Texas and Iowa, and Jennifer Rierden of Idaho; great-grandchildren, Bennett, Max, Monty, Patrick, Elizabeth, Taylor, A. J., and Bailey; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Masonic services and a Celebration of Life were held at Pauley Jones Funeral Home Nov. 9, 2006, with Rev. Dave Swinton officiating. Casket bearers were J. Montgomery Boltinghouse, J. Kerry Boltinghouse, Maxwell Boltinghouse, Jeffrey Boltinghouse, Timothy Rierden, and Andrew Rierden. Graveside services and burial were held Nov. 10, 2006, at the West Fairview Cemetery in Lenox with Rev. Tim Maxa officiating.

