

Harlan Dale Brown - 97

Jan. 2, 1904 – Sept. 6, 2001

HARLAN – Harlan Dale Brown was born Jan. 2, 1904, to William T. and Clarissa (Hamblin) Brown at Sharpsburg. He was baptized and confirmed at Sharpsburg. One of ten children, Dale, as he was known, attended rural school in Sharpsburg with his siblings.

Oct. 20, 1927 he married Alta Johnson in Harlan. To this union, four children were born. Following their wedding, the couple farmed in the Harlan area for most of their married life. He was noted for his corn husking ability and placed 4th at the Iowa State Corn Husking Contest in 1928. Dale and Alta moved to a newly constructed Fairview Township farm home in 1972, where they were in retirement until Alta's death Sept. 21, 1977.

Dale married Edna Olsen Stutzman Aug. 18, 1978, in Harlan. Edna died March 30, 1988. Dale became a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Community Jan. 31, 1997. He remained a resident until his death Sept. 6, 2001 at age ninety-seven years, eight months and five days.

In addition to his parents and his wives, he was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters; his daughter-in-law, Gloria Brown; and his grandson, Ronald R. Brown. He is survived by his children, Duane Brown (Beverly) of Harlan, Merwyn Brown and his friend Pat of Mandeville, LA; Cleo Brown (Katie) of Clive, and Karol (Gary) Robertson, of Elk Horn; eleven grandchildren; thirty-two great grandchildren; many step-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; a special friend, Helen Warner of Harlan, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 11, 2001, at Pauley Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Jon Brown, Tracy Robertson, Jim Brown, Todd Brown, Terry Robertson, Rick Brown, Gaige Brown and Randy Brown casket bearers.