

Ival B. Custer, 81

Oct. 30, 1916 - Feb. 3, 1998

HARLAN - Ival Benton Custer, son of Glenn and Clara Opal (Goodner) Custer, was born on Oct. 30, 1916, in Harlan. He was a graduate of the Harlan High School.

March 6, 1941, he married Marjorie Madson in Harlan. Three children were born to this union, Tom, Joan and Lynne. He was a farmer for many years, retiring the first of the year in 1988. He also drove a school bus for many years and was a strong supporting Harlan sports fan. They were members of the Corley Community Club where he served as a board member and the couple was very active. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Farm Bureau. He was a supportive member of the Harlan American Legion - Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 and the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital Feb. 3, 1998, at age 81 years, three months and four days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandson, Todd Benton Custer, and his brother, Glade Custer. Survivors include his wife, Marjorie of Harlan; his children, Tom (Pat) Custer of Co. Bluffs; Joan (Dick) Waller of Lincoln, NE; Lynne (Bob) Ross of Ames; eight grandchildren; his sister, Verlee (Pastor Walter) Bernard of Harlan, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 6, 1998, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Ryan Ross, Jeffrey Waller, Troy Waller, Michael Custer, Tim Muller and Larry Madson casket bearers.