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Gale Grabill, 93

Dec. 7, 1897 — April 25, 1991 ✓

HARLAN – Gale Grabill, son of John and Lydia (Philson) Grabill, was born Dec. 7, 1897, on a farm east of Harlan in Shelby county. He died April 25, 1991, at the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan, at age 93 years, four months and 18 days. He was baptized in Bowman's Grove Baptist Church, and attended country school in Center twp.

Aug. 25, 1926, he married Martha Erickson at her parents home in Harlan. Four children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed east of Harlan until 1966, when they retired from farming and moved into Harlan. For 30 years, they owned a cabin on East Okoboji, where they spent their summers. In Nov. of 1988, he became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. After the death of Martha Feb. 24, 1989, he continued to reside at the Baptist Home until the time of his death.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one brother, Herman; and three sisters, Hazel, Nina, and Velma, and one grandson, Robert Grabill. Surviving him are three sons, Johnny of Hillsboro, OR.; Charles of Harlan, and Donald of Okoboji; one daughter, LaDonna (Mrs Jack) Noble of Longwood, FL.; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two brothers-in-law, Almer Hansen of Elk Horn; Lake Green of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 29, 1991 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Otto A. Zwanziger of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Jim Noble, Lance Neve, Rick Noble, Paul Grabill, Galen Grabill, and Dalton Jensen, casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.