

Leo E. Head, 81

Feb. 21, 1916 - May 2, 1997

HARLAN - Leo Edmond Head, son of Henry Harold and Ada Head, was born Feb. 21, 1916, near Defiance. He grew up on a farm and attended country school in the Defiance area.

Oct. 14, 1939, he married Edythe Thomson at the Cuppy's Grove Baptist Church. To this union two children were born. After their marriage they made their home in Osceola and later moved to Harlan. He served aboard the USS Flirt during World War II. He was a regional sales manager for Moorman Manufacturing Company for many years, retiring from this position in 1968. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan, past member of Parian Masonic Lodge No. 321, A.F. & A.M. of Harlan and the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 in Harlan. For many years he was on the radio Sunday mornings playing his collection of "Big Band" recordings. May 2, 1997, he died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 81 years, two months and 11 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Surviving are his wife, Edythe Head of Harlan; his daughter, Sherril Koepke (Allen) of Cedar Rapids; his son, Thomson Head of Seattle, WA; three grandchildren, Amy, Chad and Ryan; his brother, Robert Head (Phyllis) of St. Petersburg, FL; his sisters, Barbara Ohlinger (Jim) and Nancy Bolton (Bill) also of St. Petersburg, FL and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 5, 1997, at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan, with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with military rites being conducted by the Shelby County V.F.W. Post #941 of Harlan. Serving as casket bearers were Ben Davis, Maruice Knudsen, Chad Reedy, Jewey Linden, Larry Madson and Keith Bauer. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

