

## Edward Jensen, 99

*Aug. 5, 1903 - March 15, 2003*

**HARLAN** – Edward James Jensen, the son of John P. and Mary (Bisgard) Jensen, was born Aug. 5, 1903, in Polk Township, Irwin. He received his education from Polk #1. At age 12 he was baptized and became a member of Merrill's Grove Baptist Church. He farmed with his father.

He married Ruby Petersen Jan. 28, 1928. To this union, two children were born, Donna and Janice. After their marriage, he went into farming on his own north of Fiscus. They moved to a farm they purchased south of Manning, in 1937. He was a school director of Lincoln #9, a rural school in Audubon County, for six years. He served as a trustee and sang in the choir at Merrill's Grove. In 1945, the family moved to Ruby's home place south of Corley. Here they joined the Bethel Baptist Church in Harlan where he served on the Deacon Board and was treasurer. Ruby died Feb. 17, 1947.

June 1, 1950, Edward married Myrtle Larsen. They retired and moved to Harlan in 1967. After retiring, he was a janitor at the First Baptist Church, mowed city parks, and helped various farmers with planting and harvesting crops and worked at the Veteran's Memorial Building. Edward died March 15, 2003, in Harlan, at age 99 years, seven months and 10 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Clifford; his sisters, Edna, Bertha and Emma; and his wives, Ruby and Myrtle. He is survived by his daughters, Donna Miller of Harlan and Janice (John) Love of Gainesville, VA; five grandchildren, Brenda Miller, Kurt Miller (Kim), Todd Miller (Wendy), Debbie (Mark) Huffman, and Jeff Love (Alyssa); 11 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 18, 2003, at the First Baptist Church in Harlan, with Rev. Gundar Lamberts and Rev. James Warren officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Vic Julius, Harriet Cox, Rhoda Graves, Stanley Hansen, Vera Nielsen, Leanna Jensen, Lowell Nelson, Elizabeth Hansen, Ruth Julius, Bernard Cox, Darlene Blakley and Geraldine Hansen. Casket bearers were Jeff Love, Roger Whitson, Brad Sorensen, Kurt Miller, John Love and Rod McMurphy. Burial was held at the Harlan Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

