

Ralph C. McLaughlin, 95

July 26, 1907 - Sept. 27, 2002

SHELBY – Ralph C. McLaughlin, twin son of Myrta F. (Buckley) and William H. McLaughlin, was born July 26, 1907, at the family farm west of Tennant. He grew to adulthood on the farm attending country school near Tennant, and graduating from Tennant High School May 25, 1925. Following graduation, he continued to work on the family farm. He also installed wind generators used to create electricity in rural Iowa and Nebraska.

Jan. 5, 1940, he married Jennie Green at the Methodist Parsonage in Jefferson, with Rev. D.J. Shenton, a close family friend, officiating. To this union three children were born. The couple made their home on farms in the Shelby-Tennant area. Ralph played the banjo and concertina with the Pingel family at Saturday night barn dances. He raised Hereford and Angus cattle. He died Sept. 27, 2002, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 95 years, two months and one day.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jennie, Dec. 26, 1996; one brother, Willard McLaughlin; and one sister, Veta McLaughlin. He is survived by his children, Miriam (Dan) Haseltine of Harlan; Patricia (David) Stafford of Harlan and Robert McLaughlin (Debra) of Shelby; four grandchildren; two step grandchildren; two great grandchildren; four step great grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 30, 2002, at Pauley Funeral Home with James Boardman officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery with Wes Moore, Mervin Schnack, Franklin Paul, Harold Nihsen, Jim Hockett and Wylie Frances honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Jim Juhl, Lee McLaughlin, Bob Becker, Bill Barratt, Jr., Vernon Campbell and Eugene Clayton.

