

Axel Nielsen, 94

April 7, 1904 – March 24, 1999 ✓

IRWIN - Axel Norlund Nielsen, son of Andres C. Nielsen and Inger Marie (Michaelson) Nielsen, was born April 7, 1904, in Bronderslev, Denmark. He came with his parents to the rural area of Shelby County near Irwin in 1909. He attended a rural school and Irwin High School until he began farming with his father. He continued farming until 1961, when he retired to Irwin, where he was a resident at the time of his death. He was baptized Dec. 14, 1915, at the Merrill's Grove Baptist Church of Fiscus. He remained a member there until the church closed in 1990. He then joined the First Baptist Church of Harlan where he was a member at the time of his death.

July 10, 1935, he married Vera Opal Kragelund at Vera's family home near Brayton. To this union four children were born, Darlene Pauley of Clifton Forge, VA; Norlin (Juanita) Nielsen of Chariton; Dennis (Evelyn) Nielsen of Houston, TX and Nadine (Richard) Mortensen of Audubon; nine grandchildren, Rachele Pauley (Forrest) Nicely; Lynette Pauley (Tim) Lewis; Shelly Nielsen (Larry) Maddox; Marla Nielsen (Duane) Jeppesen; Becky Nielsen (Jeff) Bastian; Kevin Nielsen; Eric Mortensen and Daniel Mortensen; seven great grandchildren, Heather Maddox, Michelle Maddox, Allison Maddox, Derrick Jeppesen, Zachary Nicely, Devin Nicely and Edward Lewis. He died March 24, 1999, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital, at age 94 years, 11 months and 17 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter, Tanya Mortensen Irlmeier; her husband, Steve Irlmeier, and his son-in-law, Raymond Pauley. Survivors include his wife, Vera Nielsen of Irwin; daughter, Darlene Pauley of Clifton Forge, VA; son, Norlin Nielsen (Juanita) of Chariton; son, Dennis Nielsen (Evelyn) of Houston, TX; and daughter, Nadine (Richard) Mortensen of Audubon; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 27, 1999, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Carl Rambo and Rev. Owen E. Wherrett officiating. Burial was in Merrill's Grove Cemetery with Bob Burton, Dr. Charles Early, Lowell Howe, Victor Julius, Stanley Hansen, Lowell Nelson, Edward Jensen, Don Ferry and Dale Sornsen honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Rich Fremel, Dean Bartelson, Paul Nelson, Randy Nelson, Rowly Burton and James Nelson.

