

Arthur J. Book , 93

Arthur Joseph Book, the son of Charles and Ann Kuhl Book was born May 6, 1892 on a farm near Harlan. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Tuesday Aug, 6, 1985 at age 93 years and three months.

He was baptised, received his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan. He attended school in Harlan, and grew to adulthood while helping on his parents farm.

On Jan. 26, 1915, he married Magdalene Scheuring at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling. Eight children were born to this union. After they were married, they farmed in Shelby county until 1932, when they moved into Harlan. He then worked as a carpenter for Harlan Contracting and later he worked for Squealer Feed Co. both in Harlan. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three daughters, Leona, Margaret and Mary; one great granddaughter Rebecca Simons; four sisters, Clara, Elizabeth, Mary and Helen; and four brothers, Carl, Leo, Walt and Oswald. He is survived by his wife Magdalene of Harlan; two sons, Edmund of Mission, Texas and Alfred of Harlan; three daughters, Marilyn (Mrs Harold) Fritz and Alma Book both of Harlan, and Mildred (Mrs Virgil) Smartt of Co. Bluffs; 11 grandchildren, many great grandchildren and one great great grandchild; one sister, Sidonia Buman of Harlan, one brother, Raymond Book of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan on Friday Aug. 9, 1985, with Rev. David Polich as the Celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, Harlan, with Ed Book Jr, James Book, Ronald Book, Raymond Book Jr., Dennis Coenen and Victor Scheuring all serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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