



John F. Sawin, 40

Harlan — John Francis Sawin, son of Benjamin and Louise Fioretti Sawin, was born in Chicago, Ill., on April 8, 1937. He was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith. He attended grade school and high school in Chicago and grew to adulthood there. After graduating from the Chicago Vocational high school in 1955, John attended the State University of Iowa in Iowa City. He was a member of the football team and had the honor of playing in the 1958 Rose Bowl game.

On Feb. 6, 1959, he married Diane Isensee in St. Thomas More church in Iowa City. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Sawin made their home in Iowa City where John completed his education. He received his B. A. in 1960 and continued at S.U.I. to study law. After being admitted to the bar in 1964, the family moved to Harlan, where he was associated with the Hines, Sawin, Lewis and Salvo Law Firm. He was elected Shelby County Attorney and served in this capacity from 1973-1977 until resigning because of ill health. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on March 26, 1978, at age of 40 years, 11 months and 18 days.

John was a member of St. Michael's church in Harlan and was a past member of the parish council. He was a member of the Shelby County Bar Assn, Iowa Bar Assn and American Bar Assn. He was also a member of the "I" Club of S.U.I. and Harlan Kiwanis club. John had served as past president of the Chamber of Commerce and past chairman of the Shelby County Democrats. He was a past member of the board of the Harlan Golf and Country club and the Park board and was a past member of the Harlan J.C.'s. John was a 3rd Degree Member of the Harlan Knights of Columbus No. 3900 and a 4th Degree Member of the Luke E. Hart Assembly, Knights of Columbus and Chalice Club Member, both of Defiance.

John was preceded in death by his father and by his grandparents. His survivors include two daughters - Lisa and Andrea, both at home; a son, Stephen, at home; and by his mother, Mrs. Louise Baskys of Chicago, Ill. by four brothers - Richard Sawin of Glenwood, Ill., Robert Sawin of Palos, Ill., Bruce Sawin of Carpentersville, Ill., and Joseph Baskys of Mokena, Ill., a sister, Janet (Mrs Gene Scardine) of Broadview, Ill., nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan on Wednesday, March 29, 1978, with Rev. Richard Wagner as celebrant.

Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Leo Farner, Don Norton, Ed Andreasen, Dick O'Bryan, Bob Commings, R. S. McMullin, Patrick T. Deren, Lloyd Humphries, Richard Schulman, and Judge R. E. Hines serving as honorary bearers and J. C. Salvo, Robert Sawin, Richard Pauley, Richard Gilbert, William O. Lewis, Martin C. Zaccone, R. E. Donlin, M.D., and R. G. Tollefsbol, D.D.S., serving as pallbearers.