

**Earl Anastasi, 86** ✓

May 12, 1922 - June 10, 2008

**HARLAN** — Earl Francis Anastasi was born on May 12, 1922, on a farm near Westphalia, IA, to Carl and Clara (Schiltz) Anastasi. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia and attended school at St. Boniface Catholic School.

June 25, 1955, Earl was united in marriage to Lily Willemyns. Three children were born to this union: Kim, Pam, and James. Earl worked on the family farm until his retirement in 1983 when they moved to Harlan. He loved to travel, go dancing, golf and read. He became a pilot and attended as many flight breakfasts as he could until his new bride clipped his wings after their marriage. Earl was a member of



the Knights of Columbus, Harlan Council No. 3900, Fourth Degree Luke E. Hart Assembly and its Chalice Club of Defiance. He was also a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church. He died on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha, NE, having attained the age of eighty-six years and twenty-nine days.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Lily, his son James, his sisters Stella Kepford and Odelia Stephany, as well as two infant sisters and two infant brothers. He is survived by his daughters Kim and her husband Jeff Stevenson of Inverness, IL, and Pam and her husband Tom Stessman of Harlan, IA; five grandchildren; his brothers LeRoy Anastasi and his wife Gladys of Harlan and Ray Anastasi and his wife Frances of Portsmouth, IA; one sister, Sister Margaretta Anastasi of Chicago, IL, nieces and nephews, other family members, and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, June 14, 2008, with Celebrant Rev. Bob Hoeffler and Concelebrant Msgr. Gerald Stessman officiating the 10:00 AM service at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Casket bearers were Matthew Stessman, Sean Earl Stevenson, Ryan Stevenson, Kyle Stevenson, Adam Daeges, and Andy Sondag. Interment was held at St. Boniface Cemetery in Westphalia, IA.

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