

Owen Barry, 88 ✓

Jan. 13, 1919 - March 8, 2007

HARLAN — Owen Ransome Barry, son of Ransome and Gertrude (Smith) Barry, was born Jan. 13, 1919, near Woodbine. He attended school in Woodbine until 1936 when he moved with his family to a farm west of Irwin.

Sept. 24, 1945, Owen married Mildred Chapman at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Williams. After their marriage, they made their home on a farm near Irwin until January of 1959, when they purchased a farm and moved to Manilla. In September of 1974, Owen retired from farming and he and Mildred moved to Harlan and this has been his home since. While living in Harlan, they were members of St. Michael's Catholic Church where Owen was a longtime member of the Knight's of Columbus. Owen dedicated his everyday of retirement taking care of Mildred with her severe arthritis until her death April 10, 2001. After her death, Owen remained at home in Harlan. He died at Myrtue Medical Center March 8, 2007, at age 88 years, one month and 23 days.

In addition to his wife, Owen was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his children, Michael Barry (Georgetta) of Manilla; Patrick Barry (Janene) of Irwin; Philip Barry (Violet) of Des Moines; Paul Barry (Susan) of Clifton Park, NY; Ann (John) Heinen of Urbandale and Jane (Roger) Erickson of Harlan; 19 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; his sister, Dorothy (Bill) Shannon of Harlan; his two brothers, Dwayne Barry of Defiance and Milton Barry (Ruth Ann) of Irwin; nieces and nephews, his very special friend, Marie Graeve of Harlan; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held March 10, 2007, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Bob Hoefler officiating. Casket bearers were Shad Barry, Allan Erickson, Lynn Barry, Nathan Barry, Kurt Barry, Adam Heinen, Tyler Barry, and David Barry. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

