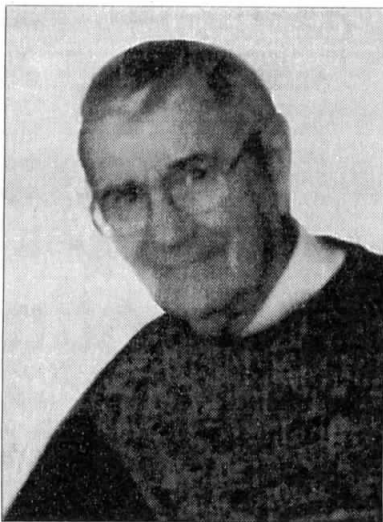


Harold Blackwell, 81

April 25, 1927 - March 19, 2009

HARLAN — Harold "Blackie"

Albert Blackwell, son of Albert and Ada (Bell) Blackwell, was born on April 25, 1927 in Union Township in Shelby County. He was baptized at First Methodist Church in Harlan and graduated from Defiance Public High School in Defiance. On July 4, 1945, Harold enlisted in the United States Navy at Carroll. He was stationed in Great Lakes, IL and was Honorably Discharged in Minneapolis, MN, On June 16, 1946, after attaining the rank of Seaman First Class.



June 24, 1950, Harold was united in marriage to Shirley Mae Juhl at her mother's home in Harlan. Four children were born to this union: Gail,

Kenneth, Nancy, and Lea Ann. In the fall of 1960, Harold began working at Vandenberg Motors until 1961 when he started working at a couple of body shops in Harlan and Atlantic. Harold enjoyed repairing things and opened his own body shop in Harlan from 1962 to 1972 when he began working at Harding Glass of Omaha until 1981. In 1981, Harold opened his own glass shop and continued to work there until his retirement. When Harold wasn't busy working, he enjoyed spending time with his family. He was always fair to his family and never showed favoritism among the kids. He also enjoyed flying and received his pilot's license in 1951. Harold died on Thursday, March 19, 2009, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, having attained the age of eighty-one years, ten months, and twenty-two days.

Harold is preceded in death by his parents; his brothers Ken and Lawrence; and his sister Gay. He is survived by his wife Shirley of Harlan; their children: Gail Blackwell of Harlan; Kenneth Blackwell and his wife Carmen of Irwin; Nancy and her husband Redge Pash; and Lea Ann Blackwell all of Harlan; six grandchildren; two step grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; his sisters: Peggy Tryon of Perry; Genevieve Roy and Carmen and her husband Mack Hubbey all of Oklahoma City, OK; other family members and many friends.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 23, 2009, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan. Pastor Jim Boardman and Pastor Dave Swinton officiated the 11:00 AM service. Military rites were held at the Harlan Cemetery, by Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 and Harlan American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150. Serving was honorary casket bearers were Dan Pash, Steven Blackwell, April Pash, Casey Fagen, Matt Blackwell, and Colby Pash



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