

Philip F. Carey, 81

Sept. 26, 1920 - Aug. 31, 2002

HARLAN — Philip Francis Carey, son of Joseph and Mary (Croghan) Carey, was born on a farm west of Panama, Sept. 26, 1920. He was baptized in Panama, by Father Fedler, the pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. He attended St. Mary's Grade and High School and graduated in the top ten of the St. Mary's High School Class of 1940. After his graduation, he worked for his parents and others in the Shelby County area.

June 28, 1945, Phil married Alice Schulte at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. To this union five children were born. After their marriage, they entered into a farming partnership with his parents until Phil's father's retirement. The couple then moved to the family farm in 1951, and continued to live there until 1993, when they moved to Harlan. He was an active member of St. Mary's Parish in Panama until 1993, when he became a member of St. Michael's Parish in Harlan. He was the first lay communion minister in the region, a lector and CCD coordinator for many years. He was a 60 year, 3rd Degree Knight of Columbus, Council 1741 of Earling. Phil was a political and farm activist for many years and has a lifetime membership in Iowa Farmer's Union and National Farmer's Union. He died at his home Aug. 31, 2002, at age 81 years, 11 months and four days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Eileen Carey, at age 21; Patricia McNulty and Rita Champion; and one brother, Raymond Carey. He is survived by his wife, Alice Carey of Harlan; children, Daniel Carey (Terri) of Atchison, KS; Jane (Steve) Arnaud of Asheville, NC; John Carey of Greeley, CO; Michael Carey (Karen) of East Hampton, CT and Robert Carey of San Antonio, TX; seven grandchildren; one great grandchild; one sister, Mary Carey of Omaha, NE; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 3, 2002, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with the Rev. Jack McClure, C.P.P.S. celebrating. Burial was in the St. Mary's Cemetery, Panama, with Sean Carey, Christopher Carey, Kane Carey, Matthew Carey, Tom Champion, Patrick Carey, Jim Champion and Paul Champion casket bearers.

