

Clyde Clark, 87

Aug. 31, 1916 - May 22, 2004



HARLAN - Clyde Calvin Clark, the son of Walter and Emma Etta Worley Clark, was born Aug. 31, 1916, on a farm south of Beloit, KS. He grew to adulthood and attended school in Beloit. Later in his life, Clyde was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. A few years after school, Clyde joined the Civilian Conservation Corp. He then enlisted in the United States Army where he served his country during World War II in the India, China and Burma fronts. After World War II, Clyde continued his service to his country in the military by serving for over twenty-one years before retiring and receiving his honorable discharge in 1960.

Jan. 25, 1949, Clyde married Helen Patten at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Four children were born to this union, Sandy, Diane, Dwight and Doug. After their marriage, they moved several times while he was employed as a Federal Meat Inspector throughout the Midwest. Clyde and Helen also spent 10 years farming near Missouri Valley before moving to Minneapolis, MN where he worked for a short time with the United States Postal Service and then again as a Federal Meat Inspector. In 1973, Clyde transferred to Harlan where he worked in Denison and Harlan for several years. He semi-retired in 1981 while he continued to work part-time as a meat inspector. In 1991, he fully retired so that he and Helen could spend time in Omaha for several years to help take care of their son, Doug, who was seriously injured in a work accident. After three years, they returned to Harlan and this has been their home since. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church. He died May 22, 2004, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 87 years, eight months and 22 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother and sister, Ray Clark and Greta Nebur. Survivors include his wife, Helen of Harlan; his children, Sandy Clark of Omaha, NE; Diane (Mark) Meiners of Lincoln, NE; Dwight Clark of Omaha, NE; Doug Clark of Omaha, NE; seven grandchildren, John J. Comerford, Thomas P. Comerford (Mary), Christy (Mark) Puev, Julie (Josh) Sovereign, Matt, Wendy and Jamie; four great-grandchildren, Christopher Comerford, Olive and Owen Sovereign and Alexis Puev; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held May 25, 2004, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrant and Father John Comerford concelebrant. Casket bearers were Mark Puev, Dwight Clark, Thomas Comerford, John Comerford, Doug Clark and Mark Meiners. Burial was held in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling, with military rites by the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 and the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.