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Ivo Coenen, 73

June 29, 1930 - Dec. 10, 2003

HARLAN – Ivo Melchoir Coenen, the son of Wilfred and Margaret Schwery Coenen, was born June 29, 1930, at Westphalia. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Ivo attended school in Westphalia and graduated from St. Boniface High School. He entered into the United States Army in January of 1952. He served in the Korean War and was awarded a Korean Service Medal, two Bronze Stars, United Nations Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and National Defense Service Medal. He was honorably discharged in 1954.



Aug. 27, 1956, Ivo married Bernadine Pauley at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. Five children were born to this union, Randal, Robert, Darrell, Nancy and Diane. After their marriage, Ivo farmed land in Defiance, from 1957 until 1995. He was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Defiance and St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. Ivo died Dec. 10, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 73 years, five months and 11 days.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wilfred. Survivors include his wife, Bernadine of Harlan; his children, Randy Coenen (Lila) of Arion; Robert Coenen (Melanie) of Denison; Darrell Coenen (Julie) of Harlan; Nancy (Jeff) Renze of Carroll; Diane Coenen of Denison; his mother, Margaret Coenen of Westphalia; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; his brothers and sisters, David Coenen (Karen) of Council Bluffs; Vicki (Larry) Schmitz of Harlan; Gloria (Norman) Schmitz of Westphalia; Marvin Coenen (Carol) of Omaha, NE; Twyla (Phil) Grooms of Columbus, OH; brothers-in-law, Dwight Zimmerman of Harlan; Irvin Pauley (Thelma) of Denison; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 12, 2003, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrant. Military rites were conducted in the Harlan Cemetery by American Legion Post No. 707 of Defiance and Westphalia, with Gerald J. Gross, Robert J. Weis, Kenny Arkfeld, Clarence Coenen, Allen Schaben and Doug Nelson casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.