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Earl Albert Greer, 95

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HARLAN — Earl Albert Greer, the son of Arthur W. and Mary (Ridgeway) Greer, was born Jan. 7, 1897 at Tarkio, MO., and died Aug. 1, 1992, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 95 years, 6 months and 25 days. He attended school in Tarkio, MO., and was later baptized at the St. Michael's Catholic Church, Dec. 23, 1956.

He married Ruby Dowling Dec. 19, 1921 in Wagner, S.D. Nine children were born to this union. After their marriage, they homesteaded in Wagner, S.D., where they farmed until 1934 when they moved to Shelby county. They rented a farm near Manilla, until 1944 when they purchased a farm just north of Harlan. In 1948, they moved into Harlan, but continued to farm until 1967 when he retired. He did carpentry work, building several houses in a small housing addition near St. Michael's Catholic Church. In 1970 he built his own new home in this addition. In 1989, they moved into the Little Flower Haven. This has been their home since that time.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two daughters, Elaine and Velda; two sons, Arthur and Eugene; three brothers, Elmer, Ray, and Charles and one sister, Nellie. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Ruby of Earling; two twin sons, Merle and Verle, both of Harlan; three daughters, Unis Schumacher of Harlan; her twin Inis Dickes of Shenandoah and Wilma (Eugene) Dickes of Longmont, CO.; one sister, Cecil Walker of St. Joseph, MO.; one brother, Frank of Exira; 38 grandchildren; 70 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Aug. 4, 1992, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with Rev. Edward Kelly as the celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Bob Smith, Paul Steenhusen, Mike Blum, Alfred Wade Jr., and Daniel Greer, honorary casketbearers. Casketbearers were Gary Greer, Daniel Miller Jr., Russ Greer, Steve Webster, Chuck Schumacher, and Dennis Greer. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.