

Max Goodner, 88

March 1, 1924 - Feb. 21, 2013

HARLAN — Max Keith Goodner was born on March 1, 1924 to Garold and Frances (Cook) Goodner in Harlan. He was baptized and confirmed at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan. He graduated from Tennant High School in 1942. He soon decided to move to Detroit, MI, to attend Aircraft Manufacturing School with the dream of flying one day. After graduation, he worked as a riveter/driller, learning a lot about the planes he would later fly. Max enlisted in the United States Army Air Corp through the Civil Air Patrol that assured him his dream, a spot flying. He attained the rank of 2nd Lieutenant before receiving his honorable discharge in 1945.



January 4, 1948, Max was united in marriage to Agnes Klaus at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ute. They became parents to four children: Ricky, Glee, Gail and Karen. Max farmed for many years with his children working beside him. He developed a passion for sales starting with demonstrating and selling welders before becoming a feed salesman for Vigortone and Farm Service Coop. Max loved being with and helping people through his work and community activities. He was an active member and past President of the Harlan Kiwanis and especially enjoyed helping with the county fair as a part of this. In his later years, he became a painter with many houses in the area serving as his canvas. Max enjoyed many hours in his backyard and shop working on projects for family and friends as well as time at his typewriter recording his life stories. Max died on Thursday, February 21, 2013, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, having attained the age of eighty-eight years, eleven months and twenty days.

Max was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Geraldine. He is survived by his wife of sixty-five years Agnes Goodner of Harlan; children: Ricky Goodner and his wife Frances of Wildwood, GA, Glee Goodner and his wife Jean of Austin, MN, Gail Goodner and his wife Barbara of Wall Lake, and Karen and her husband Bruce Hardy of Omaha, NE; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; other family members and friends.

Pastor Darwin Moore officiated the 10:30 a.m. funeral service on Monday, February 25, 2013 at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan. Music was provided by Dan McElwain and Dennis Lawson. Honorary casket bearers were Kristin Christensen, Lindsey Schulte,

Melyn Hardy, Cindy Goodner, Michele Case, Shasha Hardy, Chynna LaPole, and Michael Konorst. Serving as casket bearers were Andy Goodner, Ben Goodner, Adam Hardy, Jacob Hardy, Alex Hardy, and Devin. Interment was held at the Harlan Cemetery.

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