

Frederick Grote, 81

March 5, 1921 - April 30, 2002

HARLAN – Frederick Richard Grote was born to Julia Agnes (Lustgraaf) and William Frederick Grote March 5, 1921, at Neola. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Neola. He attended school in Neola, before moving with his family to a farm near Portsmouth, in 1935. He then attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Portsmouth. He entered the United States Army in 1942, and was honorably discharged in 1945, after serving with the Medical Corps in the Pacific Theater near New Guinea and the Philippines Islands.

While serving his country, he married Loretta Daeges Jan. 11, 1944, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth. To this union seven children were born. After his discharge, they farmed east of Portsmouth, where they remained for 26 years. In 1971, they moved to Harlan, where Fred was employed at the Western Iowa Pork Plant. Later, he worked for the Shelby Elevator and then the Harlan Community School District. He retired in 1985. In November of 1997, he became a resident of Little Flower Haven Care Center in Earling. Fred was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, Knights of Columbus, Earling Council No. 1741 and American Legion Post No. 547 of Portsmouth. He died April 30, 2002, at Little Flower Haven Care Center at age 81 years, one month and six days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, James Grote. He is survived by his wife, Loretta Grote of Harlan; his children, Jean (Daryl) Jensen of Shelby; Gerald Grote (Janis) of Harlan; Nancy (Randy) Palmer of Council Bluffs; Constance McElderry of Council Bluffs; Mary (Eric "Bud") Van Camp of Harlan; Mark Grote of Harlan and Ronald Grote (Kimberlie) of Washington; 11 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; brothers and sister, Robert Grote of Portsmouth; Thomas Grote (Theresa) of Portsmouth; Raphael Grote (Margaret) of Dunlap; LeRoy Grote (Elizabeth "Betty") of Earling and Hilary (Peter) Gaul of Melbourne, FL; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrating May 4, 2002, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with the Rev. Jack McClure, C.P.P.S. celebrant and the Rev. Paul Bianchi concelebrant. Military rites were conducted in the Harlan Cemetery by American Legion Post No. 547 of Portsmouth. Casket bearers were Dan Grote, Michael F. Grote, Bill Grote, Robert Grote, Lloyd Grote and R.B. Loomis. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

