

Clifford Klein, 70

Dec. 7, 1926 - Aug. 30, 1997

HARLAN - Clifford John Klein, son of Anthony and Anna (Kloewer) Klein, was born Dec. 7, 1926, at Harlan. He died Aug. 30, 1997, at Little Flower Haven at age 70 years, eight months and 23 days. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Michael's Church. He attended school in Kirkman and graduated in 1944. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1946 and served his country during World War II.

Aug. 25, 1949, he married Doris E. Ahrenholtz at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manilla. They became the parents of seven children. After their marriage, they made their first home in Manilla and later moved to Portsmouth. They then moved to Harlan and this had been their home for 30 years. After the death of his wife Sept. 27, 1995, he remained at his home in Harlan until ill health required him to move to Little Flower Haven. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, the Harlan Knights of Columbus Council No. 3900 and the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post #150 also of Harlan. He was a board member of the Shelby County American Cancer Society and the Senior Citizens Center Congregate Meal Site.



In addition to his parents, his wife, Doris, and his son, Marcus Paul Klein, preceded him in death. He is survived by his children, Curtiss Klein (Jane) of Fort Dodge; Lucinda Klein-Lombardo (Russ) of Co. Bluffs; Nicolette S. Klein of Lincoln, NE; Timothy Klein of Harlan; Mary Beth Bladt (Wayne) of Avoca and Jodine Holloway (Tim) of Defiance; 11 grandchildren, Christina McDaniel; Andrea, Bradley and Laura Klein; Caitlin and Alison Lombardo; Rya and Adam Klein and Amanda and Marcus Holloway and Jonathan Bladt; one great grandson, Donovan McDaniel; his sisters and brother, Evelyn Burkhart of Wellsburg, KS; Verla (Russ) Kramer of Las Vegas, NV; Luetta Schwery of Harlan; Marie O'Gorman of Greeley, NE; Tony Klein (Dolores) of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and Judy (Gary) Van Aernam of Exira; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Sept. 3, 1997, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with Msgr. Edward Kelly celebrating. Rev. Michael Berner and Rev. Eugene Klein concelebrating and Rev. Mr. Pat Davitt assisting. Military rites were conducted in the Harlan Cemetery with Willis Towne, Ernie Schnack, John Schunning, Donald Norgaard, Charles R. Gearhart, II and F.M. "Pete" Petersen casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.