

Jerald Woodrow Obrecht, 74 ✓

April 21, 1918 — Nov. 21, 1992

HARLAN — Jerald Woodrow Obrecht, son of Ben and Floy (Hon) Obrecht, was born on his parents farm east of Harlan April 21, 1918. He died Nov. 21, 1992 at the Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs, at age 74 years and 7 months. He attended country school and the Harlan High School. March 30, 1942, he joined the U.S. Navy serving during WW II in the South Pacific. After receiving his Honorable Discharge Nov. 23, 1945, he attended trade school in Co. Bluffs and took flying lessons. He became a licensed pilot. He worked as a carpenter in the Co. Bluffs and Omaha areas.

Nov. 15, 1950, he married Delores Schmitz at the St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage they made their home in Harlan where he worked as a carpenter and general contractor. He built many houses and commercial buildings in Harlan as well as throughout the county. He retired in 1980, but never quit working. He kept busy in his shop by making and repairing things. In addition to being a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Harlan Council #3900, and the Shelby County V.F.W., Post #941 of Harlan.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Delores, of Harlan; three sons, Jerry (Brigitta) of Warrenton, VA.; David of Lincoln, NE.; and Daniel (Maxine) of Englewood, CO.; two daughters, Judy (Don) Schomers and Joni (Dean) Schwery both of Westphalia; 10 grandchildren; 3 brothers, Gene (Dorothy) of Lincoln, NE.; Max (Carole) of Omaha, NE.; and Jamie (Ada) of Aurora, CO.; 2 sisters, Eileen (Glenn) Rasmussen of Harlan and Beverly (Robert) Barrett of Sioux Falls, S.D.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was con-celebrated Nov. 24, 1992 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with Rev. Edward Kelly, celebrant and Rev. Dennis Trausch concelebrating. Military rites were conducted in the Harlan cemetery by the Shelby County V.F.W., Post #941 of Harlan. Casketbearers were Tom Gaer, Rev. Don Schoepf, Pete Goeser, Jamie L. Obrecht, Ron Ellsworth and Galen Rasmussen. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.