

## Harry "Rocky" Palmer, 78

*June 28, 1921 – Aug. 17, 1999*

**IRWIN** – Harry Elliot, son of George and Elsie Miller Palmer, was born June 28, 1921, at home in Irwin. He grew up in Irwin and graduated from Irwin High School. Following graduation, he worked on the railroad and then enlisted in the United States Army and served during World War II in Germany. After he was honorably discharged, he moved to Harlan where he eventually worked as a welder at Harlan Manufacturing and retired from there in 1983. In the early 1970's, after the death of his mother, Harry returned to Irwin to care for his father. He continued to live in Irwin after his father died. Besides his nickname of Rocky, he was also known as "Buster". He was a member of the Methodist Church in Irwin and Post 614 of the American Legion. His health began to fail in July of 1998 and a year later he became a resident of the Manilla Manor Nursing Home. He died there Aug. 17, 1999, at age 78 years, one month and 20 days.

Besides his parents, Rocky is preceded in death by a sister in infancy and a sister, Mildred Bennett. He is survived by a nephew, Tom Bennett (Gay) of West Union and their daughter, Libby (Chuck) Hartlieb and their children, Hannah, Danny, Claire and Lauren of Clive, and their son, Tommy Bennett (Mollie), and their son, Tommy, of Richmond, VA; and a niece, Peggy (Al) Jones of Eau Claire, WI, and their two daughters, Elizabeth Jones of St. Paul, MN and Melissa Jones of Eau Claire, WI; cousins and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 19, 1999, at the Ohde Funeral Home, Manilla, with Pastor Joseph Boysen officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery. Casket bearers were Bill Brue, Tommy Bennett, Alfred Jones, Russell Petersen, Chuck Hartlieb and Len Carstens.