

## Max L. Plumb, 78 ✓

May 12, 1921 - March 9, 2000

**HARLAN** - Max Laverne Plumb was born in Shelby County, May 12, 1921, to Eda Inez (Custer) and Alfred A. Plumb. He was baptized and confirmed at the Methodist Church in Tennant. Prior to moving to Harlan in 1928, he attended school in Tennant later graduating from Harlan High School. Following graduation, he attended welding school in Omaha, NE, and later moved to California, where he worked as a welder until 1943.

In 1941, he married Mary L. Booth. To this union, three children were born. Serving the Merchant Marines in the Pacific, he returned to Iowa following WW II. Max farmed in Lincoln Township for seven years, was a salesman for Booth Enterprises for 13 years, and in 1967 purchased Jacobs Tool. In 1973, he acquired the land for J.J. Jensen Park, and was instrumental in the development of the ballparks. Providing the materials for the sidewalks, Max assisted in the creation of Pioneer Park. He was recognized with a *Special Appreciation Award* by the Harlan Chamber of Commerce in 1987 for his numerous contributions to the Harlan Community.

Max married Evelyn Jacobsen Dec. 25, 1985. The couple divided their time between their home in Harlan and winter residence in Mazatlan, Mexico. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Harlan; Masonic Order, Parian Lodge No. 321, A.F. and A.M.; Captain Emeritus of the Harlan T-Patrol, Abu-Bekr Temple of Sioux City, the Harlan Chamber of Commerce and the Harlan Round Table. Max served on the Harlan Industrial Board, Planning and Zoning Commission and was president of the Harlan Golf and Country Club. He died March 9, 2000, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 78 years, nine months and 25 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary in 1985; brother, Francis Plumb; sisters, Lotus Poole and Veta Havick; and nieces and nephews. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Plumb of Harlan; children, April (Richard) Carleton of Bristol, RI; Annie Laurie (Douglas) Schweitzer of Des Moines; Todd Plumb (Renie) of Harlan; Steve Jacobsen (Judi) of Mission Hills, KS; Jeff Jacobsen (Sandy) of Shawnee Mission, KS and Tim Jacobsen (Macy) of Olathe, KS; 11 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; sisters, Iva Smith of California; Shirley Morris of Florida and Myrtle Hindle of Florida; and other relatives.

A memorial service was held March 13, 2000, at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan, with Reverend Paul Wilcox officiating. Inurnment was in the Harlan Cemetery with Si Mathiasen, Frank "Rusty" Wirth, Rand Petersen, Tim Jacobsen, Jeff Jacobsen, Dr. R.E. Donlin, Steve Jacobsen, Chad Plumb, Grant McMartin and Clay Pauley honorary casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

