

Andrew Pokorny, 85

Oct. 28, 1922 - Sept. 19, 2008

HARLAN — Andrew Louis Pokorny, son of Anton and Antonia (Divis) Pokorny, was born on October 28, 1922, in Waverly, NE. He graduated from Blencoe High School in Blencoe, IA, with the class of 1941.

May 29, 1944, Andrew was united in marriage to Mary Belle Dausel in Onawa, IA. Five children were born to this union: Thomas, Marie, Catherine, Philip, and Paul. Andrew farmed in Blencoe and Onawa until 1953 when he began working as a financial advisor for Investors Diversified Services, now American Express, until his retirement in 1980. After he retired, Andrew worked in sales at Sears. He also worked at the Chevrolet dealership and Rust Shoe Shop, both in Harlan, IA. He also drove a school bus for the Harlan Community School District until 1998. When Andrew wasn't busy working or spending time with his family, he enjoyed fishing; gardening; raising flowers, especially moss roses; feeding the squirrels; picking and shelling popcorn; playing cards; and polka dancing. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, active with the Knights of Columbus Harlan Council No. 3900 and the Kiwanis club. Andrew died on Friday, September 19, 2008, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, IA, having attained the age of eighty-five years, ten months, and twenty-two days.



Andrew is preceded in death by his parents, his siblings: Verna Fujan, Mary Stanislav, Antonia Ratkovec, George Pokorny, Anthony Pokorny, Helen Maly, James Pokorny, Blanche Pokorny, and Albert Pokorny. He is survived by his wife Mary Belle Pokorny of Harlan; their children: Tom Pokorny of Clarendon Hills, IL; Marie Pokorny and her husband Bob Thompson of Greenville, NC; Cathy and her husband Jim Lewis of Coralville, IA; Phil Pokorny and his wife Patty of Gladstone, MO; and Paul Pokorny of Omaha, NE; nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; his brothers William Pokorny of Bryant, IA, and Edward Pokorny of Falls City, NE; nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, September 22, 2008 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, IA, with Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrating the 10:00 AM service. Serving as honorary casket bearers were: Ed Pokorny, Marcellus Maly, Les Haase, Doug Nelson, Douglas Dausel, Roger Rust, Meryl Dausel, LeRoy Ratkovec, Leonard Stanislav, and Bert Hillers. Serving as casket

bearers were: Carey Garron, Nathan Pokorny, Amy Pokorny-Kiley, Fernando Garron, Jordan Pokorny, Philip Kiley, Jennifer Lewis, Erin Pokorny, and Gretchen Lewis with burial at the Harlan Cemetery in Harlan, IA.

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