

George E. "Ed" D'Arcy, 81

June 5, 1919 - Dec. 19, 2000

HARLAN – George Edward "Ed" D-Arcy, son of Augustus and Sara (Curry) D'Arcy, was born June 5, 1919, in Cambridge, MA. He graduated from Boston English High School, which is the second oldest high school in the nation. He then attended Boston University. He was inducted into the United States Army in 1943 and served in the South Pacific. He was awarded a Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Pacific Theater Ribbon with one bronze Battle Star and two Overseas Service Bars. After his honorable discharge in 1946, he moved to Harlan.



June 5, 1943, he married Pollyanna England in Chicago, IL. Three children were born to this union, Deborah, Douglas and Daniel. He worked for R.C Booth Enterprises as a draftsman, land plat cartographer, salesman and production manager until 1966. At that time, he was employed by West Central Development Corporation, a community action agency in Harlan, where he held various positions, including director.

July 12, 1969, he married Anna May Thompson Hurd at Bethany United Presbyterian Church in Council Bluffs. He was active in the local theater group and was a charter member of Western Iowa Arts. He was a High School Sunday School teacher, a Deacon, a Lay Preacher and Vice-Chairman of the Shelby County Civil Defense Commission. He often stepped into the pulpit at his church. He served on the Board of Directors of the Shelby County Historical Society and he was the former president of the Iowa Association Community Action Directors. Ed was also the charter member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Harlan Parent Teachers Association. He was the disaster chairman of the Harlan Red Cross and a member of the American Legion, Masonic Lodge and Shrine Abu-Bekr Temple. He died Dec. 19, 2000, at Little Flower Haven at age 81 years, six months and 14 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Anna of Harlan; his children, Deborah D'Arcy Hines of Kansas City, KS; Douglas D'Arcy (Janis) of Harlan; Daniel Edward D'Arcy (Mary) of Harlan; two stepsons, Brian Hurd and Jane of Ames; Brad Hurd of Ames; four grandchildren; three great grandchildren; eight step grandchildren; three step great grandchildren and other relatives.

A memorial service was held Dec. 22, 2000, at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan, with Rev. Dr. David Erickson officiating. Military rites were conducted at the church by Shelby County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 941 and American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 of Harlan. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.