

## Joseph Fah, 77

*April 21, 1924 - Jan. 4, 2002*

**HARLAN** – Joseph Fah, son of Michael and Catherine (Phillips) Fah, was born April 21, 1924, in Dubuque. Taken from an abusive home at an early age, he was raised in foster homes in eastern Iowa. At age 16, he traveled west to work on sheep ranches in Kansas and Colorado. While working in Scottsbluff, NE, he saw an Omaha World Herald ad wanting men to build rural electric lines in Harlan. Joe came to Harlan in 1945, working for Nishnabotna R.E.A. until his retirement in February, 1980. He rented a room from Cecelia Stoll, soon she became "Ma" Stoll and his family for 13 years.

Dec. 21, 1956, he married Joyce White in Omaha, NE. Three children were born to this union. He was a member of Christ's Church in Harlan. He died Jan. 4, 2002, at Little Flower Haven Nursing Home at age 77 years, eight months and 14 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents. Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Joyce Fah of Harlan; two sons, James (Katrina) Fah of Raymore, MO and Jeff (Susie) Fah of Earling; one daughter, Jane (John) Wehr of Olathe, KS; six grandchildren, Mason Fah and Taylor Fah of Raymore, MO; Patrick Fah and Thomas Fah of Earling; and Jocelyn Wehr and Janelle Wehr of Olathe, KS, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 7, 2002, at the Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home with Rev. Ted Sieck and Pastor Kenneth Lockling officiating. Casket bearers were Merlyn Martin, John Schuning, Ray Wilwerding, Larry Wehr, Richard Joy and Clyde Kohl. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery.

