

R. Duane Harris, M.D., 73

July 16, 1930 - Feb. 17, 2004

HARLAN -- Roy Duane Harris, M.D., the son of Ernest E. and Ethel G. Holaday Harris, was born July 16, 1930, in Lincoln Township. He was baptized and confirmed at Wiota Methodist Church. Duane attended school at Wiota Consolidated School and was a member of the graduating class of 1947. He entered into the United States Army National Guard and was honorably discharged as First Lieutenant in July of 1961. He attended the University of Iowa, the University of Nebraska and Creighton University School of Medicine, where he was awarded his Medical Degree June 7, 1961. After receiving his Medical Degree, he worked as a family practice physician in Anita, for six years. In 1968, he joined the Donlin-Markham Family Practice in Harlan. In 1993, he joined the Shelby County Medical Clinic, where he continued to practice until his retirement Jan. 27, 2004.



June 5, 1993, Duane married Cynthia M. (Assman) Schaben in Harlan. Duane became a member of the Catholic Church in 2002. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church. He was a member of the Omaha Rose Society, Harlan Booster Club and the Eight Ball Club. Dr. Harris died Feb. 17, 2004, at his residence in Harlan, at age 73 years, seven months and one day.

In addition to his parents, Duane was preceded in death by his brother, Loren Harris; his sister, Eula Harris; his brother, Roland Dean Harris; and a grandson, Daniel Burk. Survivors include his wife, Cindy, of Harlan; his children, Corrine (Rick) Burk of Hallsville, MO; David Harris (Twila) of Marne; Julie McKenny of Thornton, CO; Tom Harris (Kathy) of Pleasant Hill; Craig Harris of Harlan; his stepchildren, Linda (Jack) Scheffler of Harlan; Kevin Chadwick (Carol) of Harlan; Curt Chadwick (Sandy) of Harlan; Teresa (Mike) Stinn of Harlan; Brenda Chadwick and Brad Wright of Harlan; Michelle (Mark) Brezinski of Omaha, NE; Travis Schaben (Bobbi) of Grimes; and Todd Schaben of Omaha, NE; 18 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; 15 step grandchildren; five step great-grandchildren; his brother and sister, Garald Harris (Barb) of Wiota and Kathleen (Barry) Biggs of Des Moines; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Feb. 20, 2004, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrant. Honorary casket bearers were David Harris, Mark Brezinski, Curt Chadwick, Tom Harris, Rick Burk, Kevin Chadwick, Craig Harris and Adam Harris. Casket bearers were Olie Pash, Scott Markham, D.O., Travis Schaben, W.A. "Pat" Pattison, Todd Schaben, Jill Ferry, PA-C, Nathan Burk and Phil Markham, DDS. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with military graveside rites by American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 and the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.