

Harold M. Hendricks, 72

Oct. 8, 1927 - Oct. 12, 1999

HARLAN - Harold Matthew Hendricks was born Oct. 8, 1927, at Panama, to Olga (Nollen) and August Hendricks. Raised near Panama, he was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church, and attended St. Mary's Catholic School completing the eighth grade. He moved with his parents to Harlan, and as a young man worked for Dale Swanson baling hay and later for Bud Mickel driving cars. Nov. 27, 1945, he enlisted in the Army serving during World War II in the Azores as an airplane and engine mechanic. He was honorably discharged Dec. 29, 1946, having received the World War II Victory Medal. Enlisting again, March 26, 1948, he served during the Korean Conflict until contracting polio. He was honorably discharged due to medical reasons Oct. 31, 1951. Harold returned to Harlan to live with his parents until 1976.



He married Marion Ruth Petersen August 10, 1976 in Denison. The couple made their home together in Harlan until July 28, 1999, when he became a resident of Manilla Manor. He was a member of VFW Post No. 941 and St. Michael's Catholic Church both of Harlan. He died Oct. 12, 1999, at the Manilla Manor at age 72 years and four days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, LaVerne, Ernest, Donald, Louis and Vernon; and one sister, Helen. Survivors include his wife, Marion; stepchildren, Cindy (Charles) Allmon of Harlan; Victor Conrad (Alice) of Harlan; Judy (Dean) Allmon of Manilla; Raymond Petersen (Judy) of Waldron, AR and Roger Petersen (Lori) of Harlan; 15 step children; three step great grandchildren; three sisters, Joan (Bob) Mattingly of Boone; Betty (Don) McCormick of Bellevue, NE and Meritta (Isidore) Schwarte of Harlan; four sisters-in-law, Rosetta Hendricks of Harlan; Luella Hendricks of Portsmouth; Regina (Hendricks) of Tacoma, WA and Viola James of Co. Bluffs; one brother-in-law, Lyle Goodmanson of Omaha; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 14, 1999, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Rev. Howard Fitzgerald celebrant and Rev. Mr. Pat Davitt assisting. Military rites were conducted at the Harlan Cemetery by the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 and the American Legion Helmer Revelt Post No. 150 of Harlan. Casket bearers were Pat Mattingly, Mike McCormick, Jim Hendricks, Larry Hendricks, Dan Mattingly and Gene Hendricks. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.