

## Clarence Larson, 87

*Feb. 25, 1919 - Jan. 18, 2007*

**HARLAN** — Clarence Louis Larson, son of Celius and Matie (Hansen) Larson, was born Feb. 25, 1919, in rural Harlan. He was raised on the farm, and attended Center Township country schools through the eighth grade. Sept. 14, 1942, Clarence was inducted into the United States Army. He served 37 months, 28 of which were spent in the European, African, and Middle Eastern Theaters. He was a member of the 400<sup>th</sup> Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion. He was discharged in October, 1945.

Feb. 23, 1947, Clarence married Edna Anna Olsen at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. The couple spent their entire married life on the Larson family homestead. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. He was also a member of the VFW Post #941, also in Harlan. He died Jan. 18, 2007, at his rural Harlan home, at age 87 years, 10 months, and 24 days.

Clarence was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Edna Larson, Aug. 5, 2005; and one son, Wade Larson, July 6, 2001. Survivors include two sons, Carlyle Larson and Norval (Linda) Larson, both of Harlan; two sisters, Evelyn (Ken) Nielsen and Darlene Rasmussen, both of Harlan; one former daughter-in-law, Sandy Larson of Harlan; two grandchildren, Brandon Larson of Harlan and Amber (Clint) Gardner of Defiance; three step-grandchildren, Chad (Molly) Harris and Kami (Mark) Burghardt, both of Gretna, NE, and Brent (Jennifer) Harris of Omaha, NE; 10 step-great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 22, 2007, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan with Pastor Heather Ploen and Pastor Steve Chellew officiating. Casket bearers were Chad Harris, Brent Harris, Carlyle Larson, Norval Larson, Roger Whitson, and Brandon Larson. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

