

Henry Leuck, 88

Feb. 4, 1920 - April 22, 2008

HARLAN — Henry John Leuck was born on February 4, 1920, to Michael and Angela (Greiner) Leuck in Harlan, IA. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia on February 8, 1920. He attended country school and graduated from Harlan High School in 1938. After his graduation, Henry worked on the family farm until he entered the military. Henry enlisted in the United States Army on August 31, 1942 and worked as a surgical technician in the operating room for three years while stationed in the United States. He was sent overseas and was put on a hospital plan as a medical technician that brought wounded and sick soldiers



from the islands in the Southwest Pacific to Hamilton Airfield in California. He obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant and was honorably discharged on January 28, 1946. Upon his return home, he began farming in the Harlan area.

Henry was united in marriage to Margaret Pitzer on July 12, 1977. They made their home in Harlan and Henry farmed until his retirement. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed trap shooting, winning four trophies. He walked every day in Pioneer Park and would take care of the squirrels, ducks, and birds during the winter on those walks. Henry would drive to Council Bluffs or Omaha up to three times a week so he could go dancing. He liked to travel a lot and would winter in Arizona with Marge and travel to Branson, MO, in the fall. He was a member of the American Legion Post 150 of Harlan. Henry died on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, having attained the age of eighty-eight years, two months, and eighteen days.

Henry was preceded in death by his wife Margaret, his parents, and his brothers and sisters: Anne, Catherine, Marie, Margaret, Sue, Bernadine, Nick, Mike, John, Frank, Peter, Anton, and Joseph. He is survived by his nieces and nephews, other family members, and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, April 25, 2008, with Rev. Bob Hoefler celebrating the 11:00 AM service at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, IA. Serving as casket bearers were Garey Ensminger, Donald Goede, Harvey Ensminger, Dave Goede, Don Goede, and John F. Leuck. Military Rites were performed by the Harlan American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 and the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 at the Harlan Cemetery.

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