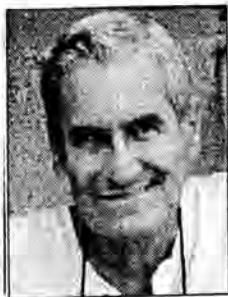


## John C. Louis, 59

*Sept. 14, 1940 - Aug. 26, 2000*

**HARLAN** —John Carpenter Louis was born Sept. 14, 1940, to Louise (Carpenter) and Fred Louis, Jr. in Harlan. He attended school in Harlan, graduating in 1959. Following graduation, he attended Amherst College in Amherst, MA, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English in May of 1963. While a student at Amherst, he toured Europe with the Amherst College Choir. After completing his bachelor's degree at Amherst, he was employed from January 1964 to June 1964, as a research assistant assigned to the state legislative study commission directed by the Massachusetts Education Study. In May of 1965, John completed a Masters in Arts and Teaching from Yale University Graduate School in New Haven, CT.



June 12, 1965, he married Judith G. Shields in Brookside, NJ. To this union, two daughters, Katharine and Alison, were born. The couple initially made their home in Bethesda, MD, where he taught for Walt Whitman High School. In the summer of 1969, he was a teacher for the summer enrichment program at Windsor School, Boston, MA, and in September of the same year, he accepted a position with the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, Department of English where he remained a member of the staff until May of 1973. While teaching at the University of Massachusetts, he enrolled in the Harvard University Graduate School of Education in Cambridge, MA, completing a Doctorate in Education in May of 1971. He was employed as Chairman of English and Social Studies at Hopkins Academy in Hadley, MA, from September 1973 to May 1974. He was awarded a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the University of Connecticut College of Law, West Hartford, CT in May 1977. John and Judy made their home in Harlan that same year. Accepting an associate position with Louis, Moore & Kohorst Law Firm in Harlan, John was admitted to the Iowa State Bar in January of 1978. He was made partner in the law firm in 1979, and became president of the law firm in August of 1985. A former member of the Harlan Lions Club, John also served on the Harlan Community Library Board for two full terms. Aug. 26, 2000 John died at Myrtle Memorial Hospital at age 59 years, 11 months and 12 days.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Louis of Harlan; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Louis, Jr. of Harlan; daughters, Katharine (Ed) Saunders of Iowa City and Alison (Keith) Ellis of Des Moines; five grandchildren, Tia, Trae and Holly Saunders and Joy and Matt Ellis; one brother, Fred Louis III (Lona) of Northbrook, IL; and other relatives.

A memorial service was held Sept. 1, 2000, at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan, with Rev. C.G. Nienkamp officiating. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.