

Joseph L. Molony, 64

HARLAN — Joseph Lyle Molony, son of Michael and Selma (Otto) Molony, was born April 1, 1923, on a farm south of Denison. He died at Jennie Edmundson Memorial hospital in Co. Bluffs on Sept. 24, 1987 at age 64 years, 5 months and 23 days. He was baptized, received his First Communion and confirmed at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Denison. He attended country school and later Denison High School where he was the captain of the high school football team. After graduating from high school, Joe farmed with his parents for a short time, before becoming employed as a meat cutter. He later became the owner of the Chicken Hut Steak House in Harlan.

On Feb. 22, 1978, he married Delphine "Gussie" Zimmer at Las Vegas, NV. After their marriage, they made their home on a farm north of Harlan. He later sold the restaurant and then became a partner with his wife at Gussie's Place in Harlan.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Delphine (Gussie) of Harlan; children, Joette (Mrs David) Peters of Carroll; Julianne (Mrs Gene) Wiig of Kirkman; Keith Kaufman of Harlan; John Kaufman of Denver, CO; and Kevin Kaufman of Las Vegas, NV; 5 grandchildren; five sisters, Nellie Pieper, Eileen Johnson, Grace (Mrs Warren) Hass and Inez (Mrs Jack) Richey all of Denison; and Kathleen Petersen of Schleswig, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 28, 1987 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with Rev. David Polich as the celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Joe Lalich, Calvin Peterson, Joe Maiwald, Nick Schechinger, Jerry Lytle, Randall Armentrout, Ted Anastasi, Frank "Rusty" Wirth, Vernon Coleman and Bennett Cullison, Jr. serving as the honorary casket bearers and Chuck Lyon, Harold "Smiley" Auld, Paul Leinen, Clarence Hendrickson, Howard McMinimee and Harold "Butch" Hendrickson serving as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.