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Donald G. McConnell, 77

Jan. 10, 1922 - July 13, 1999

HARLAN - Donald Gilbert McConnell, son of Arthur and Lois (Green) McConnell, was born Jan. 10, 1922, in Jacksonville. He attended school in Kirkman and was a member of the graduating class of 1940. He enlisted in the Army in October of 1942, and served his country overseas on the front lines in Rome, Southern France, and Central Europe. He was awarded the Purple Heart after being injured during World War II. He was discharged in February of 1946 in Springfield, MO.

He married Alice Stillwell Aug. 3, 1952, at the Methodist Church in Manilla. They made their home in Harlan. He distributed candy for Curtis Candy Company for several years before going into business on his own. He was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans and V.F.W. Post in Missouri Valley. He was currently a member of the Congregational United Church of Christ and was a past member on the Board of Trustees. He was also a member of the Harlan Lodge No. 267 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He died July 13, 1999, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 77 years, six months and three days.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by an infant brother and a brother, Leland. Survivors include his sisters, Beulah Moore of Des Moines and Jenelle McKinzie of Cheyenne, WY, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 16, 1999, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. C.G. "Gary" Nienkamp officiating. Military rites were conducted by the American Legion, Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 of Harlan. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Art Linde, George Chambers, Jim Linde, Nels Block, Jr., Glenn Zimmerman and Bob Linde casket bearers.