



Paul H. Rust, Jr., 68

Jan. 24, 1928 - Sept. 14, 1996

HARLAN - Paul Henry Rust, Jr., son of Paul and Bernadine Oberding Rust, was born Jan. 24, 1928, on a farm near Carroll. He was baptized, received his first communion and confirmed at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Carroll and attended St. Peter and Paul Catholic School. In Nov. of 1946, at age 19, he came to Harlan and purchased the shoe repair shop now known as Rust Western Shed and Shoe Service.

Paul lived at the shop until his marriage to Lucille Coenen July 19, 1948, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. To this union four sons were born. They lived in Defiance a short time before moving to Harlan. Paul remained in the shoe repair business for 49 years and worked with two of his other sons in their shops also. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and a honorary member of Knights of Columbus Council No. 3900 of Harlan. He died Sept. 14, 1996, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 68 years, seven months and 21 days.

In addition to his parents, Paul was preceded in death by his wife, Lucille, Aug. 25, 1990; one granddaughter, Carly, and his brother, Marvin Rust. Surviving are his four sons, Bill and friend, Karen, of Raymore, MO; Bob (Jeanne) of Le Mars; Roger (Pamela) of Harlan and Mike (Pamela) of Storm Lake; 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild; his brothers and sisters, Norbert Rust (Bernadine) of Carroll; Venita (Ed) Hulsing of Windom, MN; Irene (Hank) Strunc of Moorhead, MN; Rita Schleisman of Sleepy Eye, MN and Harry Rust (Jane) of Lincoln, NE; his sister-in-law, Caroline Rust of Milwaukee, WI and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 17, 1996, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Gordon Gittens celebrant and Msgr. Edward Kelly concelebrant. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Max Bacon, LaVern Koppold, Paul Coenen, Kenny Kimmen, A.A. Thraen and Andrew Pokorny honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Al Strunc, Donald Goede, Todd Bruck, Larry A. Hilger, Joe Sondag, Greg Roecker and Jerome Chamberlain. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.