

Malvern J. Reid, 84

Feb. 21, 1917 - Nov. 3, 2001

HARLAN – Malvern John Reid, son of William and Lillian (Meyers) Reid, was born in Willey, Feb. 21, 1917. He was baptized at the St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church in Glidden, and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. He attended school in Westphalia, as well as, country school in Center Township.

June 14, 1941, Malvern married Dorothy Larson at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. To this union, seven children were born. Mal was drafted into the United States Army Nov. 19, 1942, at Camp Dodge. He served his country as a mechanic stateside honorably until his discharge July 22, 1943. After his service time, he worked in several different garages before finally starting his own business, Reid Body Shop in Harlan. In 1967, he initiated Reid Bus Lines which he owned and operated for 13 years. Additionally he ran Reid's Pink Petal Flower Shop from 1967 to 1971. Malvern and Dorothy were privileged to have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in the summer of 2001. In addition to being a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, he was also a member of the Harlan American Legion for many years. Malvern died Nov. 3, 2001, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 84 years, eight months and 13 days.

In addition to his parents, Malvern was preceded in death by his brothers, Christopher, Delbert, William, Joseph and Clarence and his sister, Rita Weihs. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Reid of Harlan; children, Sheryl Reid of Ankeny; Robert Reid (Judy) of Torrance, CA; Sandra Kleinpaste (Bob) of Baltimore, MD; Connie Blum of Houston, TX; Debra Schleis (Michael) of Harlan; Malvern Reid II (Vicky) of Ft. Calhoun, NE; Steven Reid (Susan) of Harlan; 17 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; sister, Yvonne Whannell of Council Bluffs; brother, Reverend Frank Reid of Mahanomen, MN, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Nov. 6, 2001, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Frank Reid celebrant. Military rites were conducted in the Harlan Cemetery by Shelby County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 941 and the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 of Harlan. Casket bearers were A.J. Helget, Malvern John Reid, III, Justin Reid, Chris Stangl, Chad Stangl, David Weittl, Taylor Schleis, Jeff Reid and Ryan Schleis. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

