

Harry Schmitz, 80

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HARLAN - Harry Carl Schmitz, son of Emil and Mary (Von Tersch) Schmitz, was born on a farm one half mile south of Westphalia, Feb. 14, 1909. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital, Harlan, April 11, 1989 at age 80 years, one month and 28 days. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church. He attended St. Boniface grade school, and St. Joseph's High School at Earling and grew to adulthood on the family farm.

At age 21, he left the farm and went to work as a clerk in a drug store at Portsmouth for several years. The Depression during the 30's took him to the railroad where he worked for 35 years. He has continued to reside in Harlan since 1978, where he has been a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Sr. Emeline O.S.F. (Henrietta); Hildegard and an infant sister. He is survived by one sister, Sidonia (Mrs Ray) Book of Harlan; two nieces, Maxine (Mrs George) Schwery of Panama; Emelie (Mrs Robert) Koster of Gretna, NE; one nephew, Raymond C. Book of Harlan and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 14, 1989 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with Rev. David Polich as celebrant. Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery, Westphalia with Ray Book, George Schwery, Phil Schwery, Dennis Schwery, Louis Kroger and Robert Koster serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.