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**Howard F. Schulte, 67****March 2, 1925 — Feb. 28, 1993**

**HARLAN** — Howard Frank Schulte, son of William J. and Anna (Rosenthal) Schulte, was born March 2, 1925 at Westphalia. He died Feb. 28, 1993 at the Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, at age 67 years, 11 months, and 26 days. He was baptized, received his First Communion, and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. He attended St. Boniface School and later attended St. Joseph's School after his family moved to Earling. He graduated from St. Joseph's Catholic School in 1942.

Dec. 20, 1945, he was inducted into the U.S. Army at Fort Snelling, MN. While in the Army, he served as a Private First Class working as an Intercept Operator at Hamilton Field in CA. After his honorable discharge Dec. 12, 1946, he returned to Harlan and worked as an electrician for Rosenthal Electric in Portsmouth and Harlan.

June 15, 1949, he married Verdella M. Heller at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. Two daughters born to this union. After they were married, they lived in Harlan. He then worked at Farners Store, he managed a gas station and later sold parts for Scroggins International Harvester. He then went on to sell cars for Vandenberg Motors, Harlan Auto Mart and later Orv Rucker Ford. In 1973, he went into business on his own when he started Howard's Used Cars. He operated this business until 1982 when they moved to Jefferson. He then sold RV's for Harrison Ford. In 1991, he retired and they moved back to Harlan. This has been their home since that time. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Lawrence, John and Raymond; and two half sisters, Frances Irwin and Ellen Stoll. He is survived by his wife, Verdella; two daughters, Sheryl Fiscus (Randy) of Iowa Falls; and LoAnn Larson (Chris) of Eagle River, AR.; 4 grandchildren; 5 sisters, Helen Carey (Ray) of The Dalles, OR.; Alice Carey (Phil) of Panama; Bernice Feser (Leo) of Defiance; Theresa Blum of Walnut; and Agnes Gaul (Leo) of Earling; one brother, Paul Schulte (Agnes) of Carroll; one half sister, Josephine Kwapiszeski of Panama; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated March 3, 1993, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with Rev. Edward Kelly, celebrant and Rev. Cornelius Gaul and Rev. Chuck Kottas concelebrating assisted by Rev. Mr. Pat Davitt and Rev. Mr. Leo Gaul. Military rites were conducted at the Harlan cemetery by members of the Shelby County V.F.W., Post No. 941 and the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post #150, both of Harlan. Honorary casketbearers were Orv Roecker, Ed Wheeler, Bob Parker, Robert D. Howard and Robert Oswald. Casketbearers were Jeff Blum, Peter Schulte, Greg Gaul, Scott Blum, Jeffrey Heller and Mark Heller. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.