

Bernard Stinn, 73

June 30, 1931 - Feb. 7, 2005

HARLAN — Bernard Casper Stinn, son of Casper and Regina (Bauer) Stinn, was born on a farm north of Portsmouth, in Harrison County, June 30, 1931. He was baptized and confirmed in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. He became a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan in February of 1971. He attended school in Defiance and country school in the Corley area. As a young man, he worked on the farm for Walter Scheel and LeRoy Plagman near Corley, and Nels Andersen during the lambing season by Shelby. He enlisted in the United States Air Force April 19, 1951 during the Korean War. He received his basic training at Wichita Falls, TX. He attended air craft engine mechanical school at Wichita Falls, TX and electrical instruments schooling at Chanute, IL Air Force Base. He had schooling at Amarillo, TX for jet engines. He was based at March Air Force Base at Riverside, CA with the 15 Air Force, 22 Bomb Squadron, 19 Bomb Wing. He served overseas at Upper Heyford, England. He received his honorable discharge April 19, 1955 at March Air Force Base at Riverside, CA.

Nov. 4, 1953, Bernard married Doris Sick at the Methodist Chapel in Denison. To this union, two children were born, Elaine and Dale. After Bernard was honorably discharged, they made their home in Harlan. During the first years, he was employed at the Alfalfa Mill in Avoca, part owner of S&S Skelly, part-time policeman in Harlan, worked for Harlan Contracting Company, and he was a volunteer for the Harlan Fire Department. He later was an owner/operator in the trucking business and leased to companies from coast to coast for thirty plus years. He retired in 1995 from Truckers Express, Inc. from Missoula, MT, with an office in Council Bluffs. After retirement, he did remodeling and created things from wood. The garage was his workshop. He died Feb. 7, 2005, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 73 years, seven months and seven days.

In addition to his parents, Bernard was preceded in death by his daughter, Elaine; his two sisters, Eileen Sandage and Kate Bauer; and two brothers, Wilfred and Donald. Survivors include his wife, Doris of Harlan; his son, Dale Stinn (Edna) of Harlan; one granddaughter, April; step-grandchildren: Amber, Bart, and Beth; seven step great-grandchildren; sisters, Helen Holtz of Atlantic; Betty (Larry) Maness of Wichita, KS; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 10, 2005, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan with Pastor Heather Ploen officiating. Casket bearers were Frank Sick, Lee Stinn, Paul Stinn, LaVerne Hansen, Don Fries and Mike Stinn. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with military graveside rites by the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 and the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

