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George C. Wageman, 79

Aug. 31, 1914 - Jan. 14, 1994

Harlan - George Charles Wageman, son of Edward and Magdalena (Klein) Wageman, was born Aug. 31, 1914 on a farm near Buck Grove in Shelby County. He died Jan. 14, 1994 at the Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital in Omaha, NE at age 79 years, 4 months and 14 days. He was baptized, received his first communion and was confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. He attended country school and St. Paul's High School before helping on the family farm.

Aug. 31, 1942, he married Mary Belle Thompson at Oakdale. Three children were born to this union., After they were married, they farmed for 13 years before purchasing and operating the Highway Tavern in Defiance for 25 years. After he sold the tavern, he continued to work there part time until he retired in 1982. They moved to Harlan in February of 1987. This has been their home since that time. He was currently a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, and was a past long time member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson Rusty Fields, one brother Henry Wageman, and one sister Rose Wageman. He is survived by his wife Mary Belle Wageman of Harlan, one daughter Georgene Fields of Harlan, two sons Joseph Wageman (Betty) of Harlan, and Eugene Wageman (Linda) of Hancock; 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren; five sisters Kathryn Sonderman and Leona Buman both of Harlan, Verdilla Bertelsen of Minneapolis, MN, Josephine Marshall of Defiance and Ann (Clyde) Wetherby of St. Paul, MN, two brothers Elmer Wageman of Defiance and Edward Wageman of Moorhead, MN, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Jan. 17, 1994 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with Msgr. Edward Kelly celebrant and Rev. Eugene Klein concelebrating assisted by Rev. Mr. Pat Davitt. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Rick Fields, Randy Fields, Ronald Fields, Brian Wageman, Robert A. Fields, Phillip Wageman, Anthony Wageman and William Wageman casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.