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## Gregory Wolken, 84

**HARLAN** - Gregory Herman Wolken, son of Charles and Josephine (List) Wolken was born Feb. 25, 1905, on a farm near Garnett, KS.

He was baptized at St. Boniface Catholic Church at Scipio, KS., and attended East Scipio School. At age 22, he moved to Shelby County, to begin farming, and later joined the partnership in farming of Koppold and Wolken.

June 24, 1945, he married Veronica Koppold at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Guthrie Center. After their marriage, they continued to farm in Shelby County until 1971, when they retired from farming and moved into Harlan. This has been their home since that time.

He died May 24, 1989, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital, at age 84 years, two months and 29 days. As a young man, he was an avid baseball player and his interest in the sport continued throughout his lifetime. He served for many years as an altar boy, and was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Hubert, Martin, Luke, and Gilbert. Surviving are his wife, Veronica of Harlan; three sisters, Mary Scheckel of Greeley, Ks.; Elizabeth Rocher of Garnett, KS.; and Hilda Wolken of Wichita, KS.; six brothers, Edward of Jackson, MN.; Leonard of Garnett, KS.; Arnold of Tulsa, OK.; Nick of Harlan; Dennis of Wichita, KS.; and Herman of Torrance, CA.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 27, 1989 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Harlan, with Rev. David Polich as the celebrant. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Gary Wolken, Vernon Rocher, LaVern Koppold, LaVern Scheckel, Loren Wolken, Charles Wolken, Kenneth Wolken and Ambrose Scheckel serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. *Harlan N. Ia*