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## The Life Story of --

### NICHOLAS F. BUCH, 57

Nicholas F. Buch, son of John and Elizabeth Schmitt Buch, was born Sept. 24, 1917, on a farm west of Harlan. He died at Veterans hospital in Tucson, Ariz., on Mar. 2, 1975, at age 57 years, 6 months and 15 days. Nick attended school in Harlan through the 9th grade, attending 10th grade in Des Moines. He finished high school at St. Joseph's school in Earling, graduating in 1935. He completed two years at Des Moines Catholic College in Des Moines. Mr Buch was an Army Veteran of WW II, serving overseas in New Guinea and Australia. After he returned home he worked at the Farm Service Co-op for several years. From 1955 to 1971 he served as the Shelby County Deputy Treasurer. Mr Buch was very active in both his community and his church.

His community activities included 20 years as Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 90, of Harlan. Nick was privileged to see many of his Boy Scouts become Eagle Scouts. In 1974 he was made an honorary lifetime member in the Order of the Arrow, and in 1967 he was honored with one of Scouting's highest honors, The Silver Beaver Award. He has also been a sustaining member of the Mid America Council, Boy Scouts of America for eight consecutive years. In 1971, Nick received the Man of the Years Award from the Harlan Chamber of Commerce. Until his illness in 1971, Nick was an active member in the V.F.W. Post No. 941 and the Helmer Ryalt Post No. 150 American Legion, both of Harlan, Iowa.

Nick was baptized at St. Boniface church in Westphalia, and has been a lifetime member of St. Michael's church in Harlan, where he was confirmed. He was a 3rd Degree Member of the Harlan Knights of Columbus No. 3900 and a 4th Degree Member of the Luke E. Hart Assembly, Knights of Columbus and Chalice club member of Defiance. He also coached C.Y.O. basketball teams for many years.

Nicholas was preceded in death by his parents and one sister - Margaret and an infant brother. He is survived by his sister - Lenora Buch of Harlan; cousins and other relatives.

A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, Mar. 6, 1975, at St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan, with Rev Anthony J. Palmer as celebrant and Rev Michael Sims, Rev Edward Kelly, Rev James Freeman, Msgr. Peter Schmitz and Msgr. Michael W. Schwarte as concelebrants.

Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery in Westphalia, with Eagle Scouts, James Rosman, Rudy Rosman, Robert L. Anderson, Gary Anderson, Eddie Hodapp and William Buckley serving as pallbearers and Eagle Scouts Bill Rosman, Gene Anderson, Phil Langenfeld, Gene Langenfeld, Roger Rust and Charles Emmens serving as honorary pallbearers.