

Bernard J. Heimann, 64

Irwin — Bernard "Ben" John Heimann, son of Bernard John and Mary (Meister) Heimann, was born June 20, 1917 on a farm near West Point, Neb. He was baptized and confirmed at the Catholic church and attended school in West Point. After completing school, he moved to Omaha, where he was employed as an insurance salesman. On Feb. 23, 1943, he was inducted into the U.S. Army to serve his country as a Private First Class. During World War II, he served in the South Pacific where he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. After receiving his honorable discharge on Sept. 16, 1945, he returned to Omaha where he was employed as a bartending teacher for a few years.

On May 10, 1956, he married Violet Lee in Mexico. After their marriage, they made their home in several communities including Omaha, before moving to Irwin in 1961. There they owned and operated Vi and Ben's Tavern for the next 15 years, retiring in 1976 due to his health.

He was a member of the V.F.W. in Manning, and the American Legion Post No. 614 in Irwin.

He died at the Veterans hospital in Des Moines, on Sunday, Nov. 29, 1981, at the age of 64 years.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Herman and August and one sister, Rose. He is survived by his wife, Violet of Irwin; three sons, Dale Heimann of Elkhorn, Neb.; Henry Pike of Albuquerque, N.M. and Robert Pike of Co. Bluffs; five grandchildren and one great grandchild; two brothers, Robert of Chico, Calif., and August of West Point, Neb.; six sisters, Therea Walters of Fremont, Mayme (Mrs Conrad) Litz of Hardington, Neb., Justina (Mrs Otto) Scheuth of West Point, Neb., Clara (Mrs Walter) Hall and Leona Hirschmann, both of Omaha and Trudy (Mrs Ray) Halbur of Burbank, Calif.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1981 with Rev. Robert Fangman of the Sacred Heart Catholic church in Manilla, officiating.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Monterey St. Boniface Catholic church in West Point, Neb. on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1981 with the Rev. Edward Ourada officiating.

Burial was in the Monterey St. Boniface cemetery with military services conducted at the graveside by the Adrian Kaup Post No. 1, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of West Point.