

**THE LIFE STORY OF —  
PAUL L. HOOVER, 63**

Paul Laverne Hoover, son of Lillian Kohl Hoover and Irvin E. Hoover was born on a farm in Shelby County, on Dec. 6, 1912. He died at his home in Harlan, on Aug. 5, 1976 at the age 63 years, 7 months and 29 days. He attended school in Harlan, and graduated from the Harlan community high school. On April 24, 1942, he entered the United States Army, serving in the 16th Infantry as a medical corpman. He was decorated with 2 bronze stars and also the purple heart after wounded in Africa during the second World War. After receiving his honorable discharge in 1945, Paul spent several years recovering from his war injuries. He was united in marriage to Blanche Boucher in Benton, Ark., on August 14, 1947. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Hoover made their home in Harlan, where Mr Hoover managed the American Legion Club. In 1953 he became employed in the Iowa State Liquor Store, a position he held until his health forced him to retire, in May of 1975. He was a long time member of the Mason's Parian Lodge No. 321 A. F. & A. M., Helmer Revalt Post No. 150 American Legion and V. F. W. Post No. 941 all of Harlan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Lillian Jacobsen and his brother, Floyd Hoover. Survivors include his wife, Blanche Hoover of Harlan, three step-children - Bernard Boucher of Alexandria, Vir., James Boucher of Dover, N. Hamp. and Jacqueline (Mrs Ron Rankin) of Reno, Nev. 12 step-grandchildren, five step-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Masonic Services were Conducted at Pauley Funeral Home at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 8, 1976 by Parian Lodge No. 321 A. F. & A.M. Funeral services were held at the Pauley Funeral Home at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 9, 1976, with Father Glenn Rankin, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery, with Bill Dodd, Keith More, Philip Phelps, Kenneth De Wees, Victor Brodersen and Nels C. Jacobsen serving as pallbearers. Military rites were conducted at the graveside by the V.F.W. Post No. 941 of Harlan.