

Frank F. Lahr, 89

Frank Frederick Lahr, son of Charles M. and Frances M. (Mages) Lahr, was born on Oct. 10, 1891, on a farm near Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's church in Earling and attended St. Joseph's school. After graduating from high school, Frank went on to barber school in Omaha. After completing his training, he worked as a barber in Ralston, Neb., before entering the service in July of 1918.

Mr Lahr served his country as a private in the Army during World War I. He was chosen as a member of the Presidential Honor Guard for President Woodrow Wilson at the Palace of Versailles for the signing of the treaty which ended World War I.

After receiving an honorable discharge in Aug., 1919, Frank returned to Harlan, where he was active as a barber for many years. On Sept. 20, 1920, he married Edna Bock in Harlan. After Edna's death in 1933, he continued to live in Harlan. On March 12, 1935, Frank married Erie M. Bailey Book in Atlantic. After their marriage, they made their home in Harlan, where Mr Lahr was a barber until he retired in 1956, after which they continued to live in Harlan. In 1979, Frank became a resident of the Harlan Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan.

Mr Lahr was a member of the American Legion, Helmer Keyelt Post No. 150 and the V.F.W. Post No. 941, both of Harlan. He also played the bugle and traveled the southwestern areas of Iowa with the Drum and Bugle Corp.

He died at the Baptist Home on Nov. 23, 1980, at age 89 years, one month and 13 days.

In addition to his parents, Frank was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles P. and John H. Lahr. He is survived by his wife, Erie of Harlan; one son, Harry Book of Grand Rapids, Mich.; two daughters, Patricia (Mrs Samuel) H. Perry of Omaha; and Norman (Mrs George) Liebers of Beatrice, Neb.; nine grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; two brothers, Anton and Joseph Lahr, both of Denison and one sister, Anna (Mrs Earl) Hansen of Pope, Miss.; nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home, Harlan, Nov. 25, 1980, with Fr. Glenn Rankin of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, Harlan, with Larry Wade, Harry Book, George Liebers, Gerald Whitmore, Samuel H. Perry, M.D. and Samuel H. Perry II, M.D., as pallbearers.
