

Clarence Arkfeld, 83

June 5, 1920 - Aug. 13, 2003

HARLAN - Clarence Joseph Arkfeld, the son of Joseph and Theresa (Siemer) Arkfeld, was born June 5, 1920, at Defiance. He was baptized, received his First Holy Communion and was confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church and attended school at St. Paul's Catholic School both in Defiance.

Jan. 10, 1944, at St. Patrick's Church in Dunlap. Clarence married Anna Marie Schmieding. Nine children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed for 50 years in the Defiance area. In 1980, Clarence retired from farming when he and Anna Marie moved to their home in Harlan. He then went

to work at the car wash and continued to work there part time for 20 years. Clarence and Anna Marie wintered in Hemet, CA for 13 years. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance for 60 years then joined St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan in 1980. He was a 3rd Degree member of the Earling Council No. 1741, Knights of Columbus and a 4th Degree member of the Luke E. Hart Assembly, Knights of Columbus, as well as a Chalice Club member. At the time of his death he was a resident of the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center. Clarence died Aug. 13, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 83 years, two months and eight days.

In addition to his parents, Clarence was preceded in death by his son, Robert Joseph Arkfeld; his brother and sisters, Anthony, Leona Kohl and Angeline Anastasi. Survivors include his wife, Anna Marie of Harlan; his children, Delores "Dee" (Ken) Hoffman of Omaha, NE; Ronald Arkfeld (Jan) of Defiance; Gerald "Jerry" Arkfeld (Carolyn) of Omaha, NE; Dennis Arkfeld (Char) of Defiance; David Arkfeld (Sue) of Omaha, NE; Joseph Arkfeld (Mary) of Omaha, NE; Mary Lee (Doug) Passmore of Omaha, NE; Mark Arkfeld (Lori) of Defiance; 24 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; six step grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 16, 2003, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Rev. Robert Hoeller and Rev. Michael G. Peters concelebrants. Honorary casket bearers were Bambi Ineson, Trish Arkfeld, Kristy Arkfeld, Ross Passmore, Nathan Arkfeld, Renee Hoffmann, Melissa Arkfeld, Scott Passmore, Patricia Banks, Laura Arkfeld, Jason Arkfeld, Brian Arkfeld, Nick Arkfeld, April Arkfeld, Ryan Arkfeld, Kelsey Arkfeld, Rodney Arkfeld and Nikki McDowell. Casket bearers were Tom Arkfeld, Jesse Arkfeld, Wayne Hoffmann, Jeremy Arkfeld, Kevin Arkfeld and Randy Arkfeld. Burial was at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

