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Olin D. "Buck" Baker, 76

Jan. 22, 1920 - April 5, 1996

HARLAN - Olin David Baker, son of John and Gertie (Stoffels) Baker, was born Jan. 22, 1920 at Harlan. Olin was known to everyone as Buck. He attended school in Harlan and graduated from Harlan High School in 1939. Aug. 15, 1942 he enlisted in the United States Army. He was assigned to Battery B of 660th Field Artillery Battalion where he was a gun crewman with heavy artillery. During that time he served in the European Theater in Germany and Central Europe receiving two battle stars. Upon his discharge Nov. 5, 1945 he immediately re-enlisted serving in Germany as a Military Policeman, receiving the Victory Medal and Army of Occupation Medal. After his honorable discharge Jan. 23, 1947 he returned to Harlan for a short time before re-enlisting on Sept. 20, 1948 in the United States Army. During this time he was assigned to the 8455th Military Police Company of Killeen Army Base in Killeen, TX, being honorably discharged in June of 1952.

In May of 1958 he married Viola C. Olsen in Harlan. After the death of Viola March 29, 1963, he continued to make his home in Harlan.

Oct. 26, 1968 he married Milda Errett in Harlan continuing to make their home in Harlan where he was employed by Wayne England, Harlan Rendering and Oakland Beef. For the past eight years he has been employed by the Country Care Center. He died April 5, 1996 at Jennie Edmundson Hospital at age 76 years, two months and 14 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents, an infant son, a sister, Mabel Stilarow, and his two brothers, Harold "Jake" and Everett Baker. Surviving are his wife, Milda Baker of Harlan; his daughter, Rhonda (Larry) Wendt of Harlan; stepsons, William "Bill" Stuhr of Las Vegas, NV and Richard Stuhr (Marlene) of Missouri City, TX; five stepdaughters, Delores (Dan) Summers of Marshalltown; Betty (Darold) Kroger of St. George, UT; JoAnn Larsen of Denison; Linda Larsen of Omaha, NE and Diana (Steve) Ferdig of Co. Bluffs; three grandchildren; fifteen step grandchildren; two sisters, Alta Mae Barnett and Dorothy Brensel (Harold) of Harlan; one brother, Vernon Baker (LaFay) of Harlan; a half sister, Helen (Ken) Nollen of Independence and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 8, 1996 at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Roger Crawford of Bethel Baptist Church in Harlan officiating. Military rites were conducted in the Harlan Cemetery by the Shelby County V.F.W., Post #941 with Doug Baker, Larry Wendt, Jr., Rick Brensel, Lee Ray Barnett, Dan Wendt and Ronald D. Burger casket bearers.