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Al Book, 81

HARLAN - Alphons Antonus Book, the son of John and Odella (Abts) Book was born Jan. 26, 1908, on a farm north of Harlan. He died July 26, 1989 at Myrtle Memorial Hospital in Harlan at age 81 years and six months. He was baptized at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, and was confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. He attended country school and graduated from Defiance Public High School.

July 16, 1929, he married Catherine Fromm at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. After their marriage, they farmed near Defiance for three years before starting the Earling Locker Plant. One year later, they sold the locker and moved to Wichita, KS., where they were employed in aircraft work during WW II. In 1942, they moved to Detroit, MI., where they were employed in factory work for the next 17 years. In the spring of 1960, they moved to the farm near Defiance, and they resided there until the spring of 1973 when they sold the farm and moved into Harlan. This has been their home since that time. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan and the Knights of Columbus, Earling Council #1741.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Josephine, John J. Magdaline, Andrew, Mary, William, Anna, Abyssious, George, Francis A., Simon, August, Clara, Marie, Margret, Martha, Beth and Carl. In addition to his wife, Catherine of Harlan; he is survived by one brother, Robert W. Book of Oxnard, Ca.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated July 29, 1989 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Harlan with Rev. Edward Kery as celebrant and Rev. Dan Pelsche concelebrated. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Bill Arkfeld, Gerald Gross, Michael Gross, Bob Arkfeld, John J. Wells and Leonard Wells serving as casketbearers. Peasey Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.