

Alvin Bauer, 87

July 23, 1918 - April 6, 2006

CORLEY — Alvin L. Bauer, son of Jacob and Wilhelmina (Schenck) Bauer, was born July 23, 1918, in Harlan. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Michael's Catholic Church. He attended school at Corley Country School. Oct. 20, 1942, he entered into the United States Army at Camp Dodge. He served at the Battle of Normandy, in Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. He was awarded the European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with four bronze stars as well as a Good Conduct Ribbon. Alvin was honorably discharged Oct. 12, 1945 at Clinton. After his military service, he worked as a self-employed truck driver, a mechanic for several Harlan businesses, and a school bus driver for the Harlan Community Schools.



Oct. 14, 1943, Alvin married Kathryn "Katie" Stinn at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca. They were the parents of one daughter, Beverly. After their marriage, the couple made their home in Corley. He was employed at the service station in Harlan for many years. Alvin and Katie were members of the Corley Community Club. Katie died Feb. 27, 1999. After her death, Alvin remained in Corley until October of 2003, when he became a resident of Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and Shelby County VFW Post No. 941. He died April 6, 2006, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs at age 87 years, eight months, and 14 days.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Katie, Alvin was preceded in death by his brothers, Emery and Rudy. Survivors include his daughter, Beverly (Howard) Harlan of Adair; four grandchildren, Melissa McMurphy; Mickie (Josiah) Blank; Mindy (Stephen) Rote; and Megan McMurphy; four great-grandchildren, Bradley, Shaela, and Kyle Klindt and Andrew Rote and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 8, 2006, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrant and Rev. Fred Reischl concelebrant. Military Rites were conducted in the Harlan Cemetery by the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 and the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941. Casket bearers were Paul Stinn, Josiah Blank, Brett Hansen, Mike Jensen, Rod McMurphy, and Larry Maness. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.