

## William P. Buckley, 73

*April 18, 1926 - April 2, 2000*

**HARLAN** – William Philip Buckley was born April 18, 1926, at Panama, to Anna K. (Schulte) and Timothy J. Buckley. "Bill" was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. He attended rural elementary schools in the Panama area and St. Mary's Catholic High School in Panama. Aug. 17, 1944, he enlisted in the Army and saw action in the Rhine landing and Central Europe. Wounded in March of 1945, he spent five weeks in a hospital in Holland. After his tour of duty when the occupation of Europe ended, he was honorably discharged June 28, 1946, having received the Purple Heart and other medals of honor. Following time served in WWII, he returned to the Portsmouth area to farm.



June 28, 1949, he married Donna Gau at St. Mary's Chapel in Portsmouth. To this union three children were born. He was a member of the Portsmouth American Legion John Ohlinger Post No. 547, Farm Bureau, St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, and later, St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. He did carpenter work in the Shelby County area. They moved to Harlan following their retirement in 1991. He died April 2, 2000, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs, at age 73 years, 11 months and 14 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Robert. He is survived by his wife, Donna of Harlan; his children, Duane Buckley (Mary Jo) of Missouri Valley; Diane Buckley of Richmond, VA; Denise (Everett) Pettiecord, Jr. of Yardley, PA; his four grandchildren, Bryan Buckley, Bradley Buckley, Julia Pettiecord and Everett Pettiecord, III; his brothers and sister, Timothy Buckley (Nadine) of Bellevue, NE; Thomas Buckley of Hernet, CA; Michael Buckley (Bernie) of Valley, NE; Clara Ann (Elmer) Neppi of Sun City, CA; John Buckley (Carol) of Omaha; NE; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 5, 2000, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, with Reverend James Buckley celebrant; Msgr. Edward Kelly and Rev. Paul Bianchi concelebrating, assisted by Reverend Mr. Pat Davitt. Military rites were conducted in St. Mary's Cemetery by Portsmouth American Legion John Ohlinger Post No. 547 with Bryan Buckley, Kathy Auman, Bradley Buckley, Julia Pettiecord, Michael Reed and Everett Pettiecord, III honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Scott Gau, Richard D. Buckley, Rick Gau, Paul Buckley, Joseph M. Buckley and Craig Rosenow. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.