

William "Bill" C. Campell, Sr., 84

March 8, 1915 - Jan. 16, 2000

HARLAN - William Cornelius Campbell, Sr., son of Jesse and Maude (Schultz) Campbell, was born March 8, 1915, at Grove Center near Walnut. He attended and graduated from Avoca High School in 1932.

Sept. 19, 1938, he married Ethel Jensen in Missouri. They became the parents of one child, William Cornelius Campbell, Jr. After their marriage, Bill managed a Hinky Dinky Grocery Store in Omaha, NE. He served in the United States Army in WWII from March 13, 1944 through Dec. 20, 1945, earning four Bronze Battle Stars. The 106th Division, 424 Regiment, 2nd Battalion, of which he was affiliated, was engaged in the Battle of the Bulge. Returning from the war he worked with his father-in-law at the Merrill Canning Factory, buying the Brickyard Orchard in 1963. Bill and Ethel created a legend by serving Shelby County "Brickyard Apple Cider". He was a member of the Iowa Fruit Growers Association, serving as the president for three years. Bill was also a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge of Harlan, Veteran of Foreign Wars and served as a Lay Leader for 20 years with the First United Methodist Church in Harlan. He died Jan. 16, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha, NE, at age 84 years, ten months and eight days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister and two brothers, Beulah Campbell Warren Campbell and Joseph Campbell. Survivors include his wife, Ethel of Harlan; his son, William Cornelius Campbell, Jr. (Mary Beth) of Colorado Springs, CO; his five grandchildren, Kim, Kelly, Kristy, Kevin and Kasey; ten great grandchildren, Megan, Austin, Nicolas, Tori, Shenandoah, Tanner, Billy, Alexis, Makenna and Kevin, Jr.; his two sisters, Jessie Kendrick of Shelby and Beatrice Diggie of Avoca; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 19, 2000, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox and the Rev. Roger Crawford officiating. Military rites were conducted in the Harlan Cemetery by the Shelby County V.F.W. Post No. 941 and the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 of Harlan. Casket bearers were Joe Gross, Charles Obrecht, Bob Scheel, Larry D. Obrecht, Lyle Obrecht, Mike Wolhutter and Rod Jensen.

