

## Richard Carl, 87

Aug. 16, 1926 - Oct. 9, 2013



**HARLAN** — Richard Dale Carl, son of Donald and Edna (Richards) Carl, was born on August 16, 1926 in Harlan. He attended school in Harlan graduating from high school with the class of 1944. As a member of the Harlan High School football and basketball team, he was known as "Killer Carl". Richard entered the United States Army after high school at Ft. Snelling, MN where he was assigned to the 31st infantry. He then served in the Asiatic Pacific theater and the Army of Occupation in Japan. After receiving his honorable discharge on November 26, 1946, Richard returned to the Harlan area where he worked as a bookkeeper as well as parts and sales for Wigness Machine Shop. On March 10, 1950, Richard entered into the United States Air Force where his interest in music allowed him to join the 769th Air Force Band. He continued playing music in the band until receiving his Honorable Discharge on July 7, 1953.

August 26, 1956, Richard was united in marriage with Joan E. Johns in Schleswig. Two children were born to this union. Richard continued to work for Wigness Machine Shop until 1961 when he went to work for Jacobs Tool as a bookkeeper and later, as management. He retired from Jacobs Corp. in 1986 after 23 years of service. One of his biggest passions, was his love of music. As a long time trumpet player, he joined the Earl Russell Orchestra in 1947; his second family. He left the orchestra in 1963 to form the "Key Tones Combo" with R. D. "Pudge" McMahon, and remained as a fill in for the orchestra. Drawn back to music in his later years, Richard joined the "Four County Players" until they disbanded in 2006. In August of 2009, he was fortunate to have the opportunity to travel to the WW II Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. as a part of the Honor Flight Program. Richard was honored and so appreciative of the efforts of those that made that memorable experience possible; something he truly enjoyed. Richard was a member of the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 where he also played 'Taps' at numerous military funerals. Richard loved spending time on the golf course. He has many trophies and even a hole in one to his credit. He enjoyed many other activities such as watching sports, dancing, fishing, cards and shooting pool. Richard was a sharp, smart, financially astute and mechanically inclined person. He had a strong work ethic, was very particular, and took great pride in his work and music. He was always appreciative of other's efforts and never left without saying "Thank You." Richard died at the Little Flower Haven Nursing and Rehab Center on October 9, 2013 having attained the age of eighty-seven years one month and twenty-three days.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife Joan, his parents, and two brothers, Victor and Jack. Survivors include his sons, Curtis Carl of Hays, KS and Bruce Carl and his wife Kathleen of Harlan; four grandchildren: Keith Carl and his wife Nicole, Goeffery Carl and his wife Shanna, Jacob Carl and A. J. Carl and one great grandson Lucas Carl; one nephew; other relatives and many friends. So, a final "Thank YOU" Richard for the many years of smiles and laughter. We will miss you.

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Pastor Darwin Moore officiated the 10:30 a.m. funeral service at Pauley Jones Funeral Home, Harlan. Music was provided by Kate Kohorst, Derek Chapman, and Jan Rau. Serving as casket bearers were Jim Zea, Mike Assmann, Mike Bieri, Bernard Leinen, Verle Doonan, and Doug Baker. Military Rites were conducted at the Harlan Cemetery.

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