

## Philip Dennis, 88

*Sept. 18, 1917 - June 27, 2006*

**HARLAN** — Philip West Dennis, son of Lloyd and Rose (West) Dennis, was born Sept. 18, 1917, at Coleridge, NE. He attended grade school and high school at Coleridge, NE. Philip then attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, NE, where he graduated in 1939 with a Science of Agriculture and Teaching degree.

Dec. 25, 1940, Philip married Margaret McCoy at Milligan, NE. To this union five children were born, Mary Jo, Anne Christine, Patricia, Roger and David. He entered the ROTC at the University of Nebraska and then entered in the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant where he served four years in E.T.O. He served his country during World War II and was awarded a World War II Victory Medal. Philip was honorably discharged as a Major June 12, 1946, at Fort Leavenworth, KS. He was employed at the Federal Land Bank as a manager in Carroll and Crawford Counties and worked in Shelby County. He retired in September of 1982. Following his retirement, he made his home in Harlan. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, the American Legion of Carroll, the Carroll County VFW, and was the past president of the Carroll Kiwanis. He died June 27, 2006, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 88 years, nine months, and nine days.

In addition to his parents, Philip was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Krough, and a grandchild, Cara Riley. Survivors include his wife, Margaret of Harlan; his children, Mary Jo Riley and Don Laubach of Spirit Lake; Ann Christine Dennis of Elkhorn, NE; Patricia Scheer of Chicago, IL; Roger Dennis of Des Moines; David Dennis (Ellen) of Cedar Rapids; eight grandchildren, Cathy, Thomas, Kristine, Robert, Matthew, Jim, Hannah and Peter; 13 great-grandchildren; his sister, Mary Hedglin of Rochester, MN; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 30, 2006, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrant. 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. Honorary casket bearers were Steve Marsh, Dennis Krough, John Helling, Gordon Dennis, and Don Brubaker. Casket bearers were Thomas Riley, Robert P. Callahan, James Scheer, Catherine Thee, Matthew D. Callahan, Peter Ilten, Kristine Riley and Hanna Ilten. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

