

## Alfred Greiner, 89

*Dec. 8, 1917 - Sept. 22, 2007*

**COUNCIL BLUFFS** - Alfred Joseph Greiner, son of Nick and Mary (Bauer) Greiner, was born Dec. 8, 1917, on a farm near Portsmouth. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth and attended school through the eighth grade at Pleasant Ridge Country School. In 1942, Alfred joined the United States Army as a tractor mechanic. He served his country during World War II and fought in Rome, southern France, and central Europe. He was honorably discharged Oct. 2, 1945. During his time in the military, Alfred earned numerous awards including: Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with one Silver Battle Star, four Overseas Service Bars, and one Service Stripe. After his discharge, Alfred began working in construction for the Peter Kiewit Company. He held the position of foreman and traveled to many different countries during his 35 years with the company. Although he never fully retired, he could often be found helping his brothers with farming and carpentry work. He died Sept. 22, 2007, at Northcrest Care and Rehabilitation in Council Bluffs at age 89 years, nine months, and 14 days.

Alfred is preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Alvin, John, Helen Plambeck, Henry, and an infant brother. He is survived by three sisters, Anna Cordoza, Mildred Weihs, and Dorothy Ross, all of Council Bluffs; one brother, Lawrence Greiner (Belva) of Silver City; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Sept. 25, 2007, with Father Bob Hoefler celebrating at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Casket bearers were Leon Ross, Bill Plambeck, Ron Weihs, David Greiner, Randy Greiner, and Mike Greiner. Military rites were held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth, by the Portsmouth American Legion Post No. 547. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan in charge of arrangements.

