

Irv Heller, 85

May 3, 1921 - May 12, 2006

HARLAN — Irvin Henry Heller, the twin son of Joseph and Mary (Erlbacher) Heller, was born May 3, 1921, near Buck Grove. At the age of five, his parents purchased a farm near Dunlap. He grew to adulthood in that community, and he attended St. Joseph's Catholic School in Dunlap, and was a member of the graduating class of 1939. Upon receiving his education, he began helping farm on his uncle's farm for several years.

Feb. 12, 1945, Irvin married Julia Rosman at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. Seven children were born to this union, Julia Renee, John, Irvin Jr., Mary, Ann, David, and Daniel. After their marriage, the couple moved to the same farm where Irvin was born and farmed there until 1948, when they purchased a farm about three miles northwest of Irwin. In 1985, they moved to Harlan. Julia died Aug. 4, 2001. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, and was a 3rd Degree Member of the Earling Council No. 1741, Knights of Columbus and a 4th Degree Member of the Luke E. Hart Assembly, Knights of Columbus and its Chalice Club. He participated in hand corn picking contests. He died May 12, 2006, at the Manilla Manor at age 85 years and nine days.

In addition to his parents, and his wife, Julia, Irvin was preceded in death by a son, John; a grandson, Joshua Heller; and his brothers and sisters, Leonard, Leo, Albert, Joseph, Lawrence, and Urban Heller. Survivors include his children, Julia Renee (James) Bolejack of Ankeny; Dr. Irv Heller, Jr., (Frankie) of Guthrie, OK; Mary (Jeff) Segin of Ankeny; Ann (Dr. Laurence) Hanigan of Omaha, NE; David Heller (Bonnie) of Irwin; Daniel Heller and Joan Goetz of Irwin; 16 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren, his brother and sisters, Peter Heller of Dunlap; Augusta "Gustie" Esser and Marie Heller all of Dunlap and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 15, 2006, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Kenny Segin, Kyle Bolejack, Mark Heller, Matthew Heller, Sean Hanigan, Ryan Hanigan, Adam Hanigan, Jacob Heller, and Luke Heller casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

