

Henry "Heinie" Kaufman, 77

Oct. 22, 1922 – April 12, 2000

HARLAN – Henry Edward Kaufman was born Oct. 22, 1922, on a farm near Earling, to Cecelia Mueller and Henry Edward Kaufman, Sr. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Due to the untimely death of his father, he was unable to attend school past the eighth grade.

He married Barbra Jean Helwig Oct. 6, 1956, at St. John's Catholic Church in Omaha. To this union five children were born. The couple made their home in Harlan. He farmed until 1960 when he became custodian for the Shelby County Courthouse retiring in June of 1985. For 30 years, he tore down old barns and buildings. He was multi-gallon blood donor for the American Red Cross, a past-member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Henry "Heinie" died April 12, 2000, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 77 years, five months and 21 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara, who died Aug. 2, 1997; brothers, Joe, Frank and Louis; and granddaughter, Amy Carroll. He is survived by his children, Lynne (Duane) Carroll of Avoca; Mark Kaufman (Sherry) of Harlan; Nancy Kaufman of Harlan; Susan (Wayne) Brown of Westphalia; Laurie (Tony) Brummer of Harlan; ten grandchildren; sisters, Mary Mundt of Manning; Helen Reinig of Harlan; Jenny (Gordon) Weller of Westside; Therese (Peter) Fromm of Defiance; Peggy ((Martin) Schwarte of Harlan; brother, Mike Kaufman and friend, Marlene of Omaha; brother-in-law, William Helwig (Barbara) of Bellevue, NE; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held April 15, 2000, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Rev. Fitzgerald, Rev. Fred Reischl and Msgr. Edward Kelly concelebrants with Rev. Mr. Pat Davitt assisting. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery, with Andrew Carroll, Molly Brown, Sam Brummer, Zach Kaufman, Jon Kaufman, Jacob Brown, Katie Carroll, Joe Brummer, Julie Carroll and Thomas Carroll honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Peter Fromm, William Helwig, John Kaufman, Leroy Anastasi, Mark Hervey and Andrew Pokorny. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.