

## Joseph Klein, 87

*April 2, 1917 - April 9, 2004*

**HARLAN** – Joseph Lewis Klein, the son of John and Mary Fromm Klein, was born April 2, 1917, in Harlan. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, and attended country school in Harlan.

April 11, 1939, Joe married Maryann Schmitz at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Four children were born to this union, Joe, Darrell, Glenn and Mary. After their marriage, they farmed north of Defiance, until 1958, when they moved to Panama. They resided there until 1969, when they moved to Kansas City and later to California, before retiring and moving to Council Bluffs, in 1980. Maryann died Oct. 28, 1988, in Council Bluffs. After Maryann's death, Joe made his home in Harlan.

June 10, 1989, Joe married Mildred Schomer in Harlan. After their marriage, they continued to make their home in Harlan. She died Jan. 26, 1994. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus Earling Council No. 1741, and the Luke E. Hart General Assembly 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and it's Chalice Club of Defiance. Joe died April 9, 2004, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 87 years and seven days.

In addition to his parents and his wives, Maryann and Mildred, Joe was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Catherine Petsche, Lenora Arkfeld, Tony Klein, Susan Petsche, Vitus Klein and Josephine Book. Survivors include his children, Darrell Klein (Mary Jo) of Omaha, NE; Mary (Kenneth) Wingert of Onawa; Joseph J. Klein (Connie) of Buck Grove; Glenn Klein (Sandi) of Mena, AR; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; his brothers and sister, Fred Klein (Dorothy) of Blair, NE; John Klein (Isabel) of Harlan; and Cecelia Gross of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 14, 2004, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrant and Rev. Richard Beil and Rev. Dan Petsche concelebrants. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with John Klein, Christian Klein, Jeff Klein, Jim Wingert, Jennifer Klein, George Klein, Curt Wingert, Todd Klein, Mike Klein and Joseph M. Klein casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

