

Raymond Kloewer, 69

Aug. 6, 1934 - May 20, 2004

HARLAN – Raymond Joseph Kloewer, the son of Otto and Clara Goetzinger Kloewer, was born Aug. 6, 1934, at Westphalia. He attended St. Joseph's Catholic High School in Earling, and was a member of the graduating class of 1952. Ray joined the United States Army in 1954 and served until 1956. He was stationed in Germany for 18 months during the Korean Conflict. Ray was a radio operator and a sharp shooter. He was later employed at Squealer Feeds for 13 years.

May 4, 1963, Ray married Jan Haller at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Four children were born to this union, Todd, Kathy, Rob and Troy. After their marriage, they made their home in Harlan. Ray was employed by the United States Postal Service for 19 years and retired in 1997. He and Jan originated J.R.'s Country Steppers, a country dance group that performed at public events and parades. They also taught country dance lessons and DJ'ed at many events. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, St. Michael's School Board, St. Michael's Parish Council and a member of the Corley Community Board. Ray died May 20, 2004, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 69 years, nine months and 14 days.

In addition to his parents, Ray was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Kloewer. Survivors include his wife, Jan of Harlan; his children, Todd Kloewer (Jill) of Gaines; Kathy (Mike) Campbell of Katy, TX; Rob Kloewer (Tami) of Bozeman, MT; and Troy Kloewer of Dallas, TX; five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; his brothers and sisters, John Kloewer (Nona) of Omaha, NE; Rose (Frank) Feldman of Omaha, NE; Theresa Johnson of Omaha, NE; Bernice (Ray) Aschoff of Omaha, NE; Lucille "Tiny" (Michael) Schmidt of Harlan; Mary Jane (Dale) Swanson of Harlan; Joanne Patterson of Des Moines; and Eugene Kloewer of Omaha, NE; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 24, 2004, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrant. Honorary casket bearers were Marcos Longoria, Todd Kloewer, Dr. Brett Heilesen, Paul Weirich, Kathy Campbell, Ray Aschoff, Larry Book, Rob Kloewer, Don Coenen and Troy Kloewer. Casket bearers were Eugene Kloewer, Clarence Brinker, Terry Schulte, Roger Blum, Ron Lefeber, John Kloewer, Denny Grabill and Don Graeve. Burial was held in the Harlan Cemetery with military graveside rites by the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 and the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

