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Michael Meuer, 96

Aug. 20, 1897 - Feb. 1, 1994

Harlan - Michael Meuer, son of Michael and Gertrude (Koenig) Meuer was born Aug. 20, 1897 in Bristol SD. He died Feb. 1, 1994 at the Baptist Memorial Home at age 96 years, five months and 12 days. He grew up in the town of Bristol, SD graduating from school there. In Sept. of 1918 he joined the United States Army and served his country honorably during World War I until Dec. 11, 1918. After his honorable discharge, he went to college at South Dakota State in Brookings, SD.

June 24, 1925, he married Minnie Geier in Bristol, SD. Two children were born to this union. After their marriage, they moved to Omaha, NE and he worked at the Federal Land Bank. He started in the Collection Department and was a "troubleshooter" during the depression. He attended school every year through his work and took classes at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln; University of Nebraska, Omaha; and Creighton University, Omaha. He was then transferred to the Department of Insurance and Taxation and was supervisor for many years. In the early 1960's he left the Federal Land Bank and they moved to Harlan and he became a general agent for Farm Bureau Insurance. Minnie died June 7, 1956. He became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home Dec. 22, 1983 and this had been his home since that time. He had been awarded the Masters Angler Award from SD for a one pound rainbow trout. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Joan Frandsen, and three sisters, Selena, Priscilla and Joletta. He is survived by his son Thomas of Brookfield, WI, nine grandchildren and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 4, 1994 at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Msgr. Edward Kelly celebrant. Casket bearers were Leo Kloewer, Robert J. Nelson, Frank L. *Rusty* Wirth, Balzer Kriegel, Deane Blakely and Clarence McDermott. Burial was at St. Anthony's cemetery in Bristol, SD. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.