

William Junior McKeighan, 71

Aug. 16, 1921 — July 31, 1993

HARLAN — William Junior McKeighan, son of William and Lucinda (Tague) McKeighan, born Aug. 16, 1921, on a farm near Portsmouth. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, July 31, 1993, at age 71 years, 11 months, and 15 days. He attended public school at Portsmouth, and later attended Park School after they moved to Harlan. After school, he worked for area farmers before entering the U.S. Army Air Corps during WW II. He served his country for four years as a medic at different U.S. Army Hospitals. After he received his honorable discharge, he returned to Harlan and worked as a line man for the REC.

Jan. 21, 1950, he married Rachel Kerr at Co. Bluffs. Two daughters were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home in Harlan. In 1955, he went to work at Myrtue Memorial Hospital, where he worked as a custodian, in the laundry department, and later managed the hospital's supplies. He retired in 1983 after working for 28 years at the hospital. Since retirement, they have continued to make their home in Harlan. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Harlan and also was a member of the Harry Albertsen Am Vets Post #51 of Kimballton.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 3 sisters, Gertrude Kays, Ruth Burgin, and Alice Christensen. He is survived by his wife, Rachel of Harlan; two daughters, Cindy Brewster (Jeff) and Kathleen Potter (Darryl), all of Harlan; 2 step-sons, David Hemminger of Marshalltown; and Richard Hemminger of Riverside, CA; 1 step-daughter, Sallie Davis of Las Vegas, NV.; 16 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren; 1 sister, Ruby Wehr of Harlan; and 1 brother, Bud McKeighan (Lucille) of Las Vegas, NV.; nieces and nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 3, 1993 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Don Schoepf of First Christian Church in Harlan, officiating. Military rites were conducted at the Harlan cemetery by the Harry Albertsen Am Vets Post #51 of Kimballton. Casketbearers were Leon Hansen, Veryl A. Wehr, Ronald Burgin, Gerald Christensen, Larry Wehr and Kenneth Hursey. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.