

# Harlan businessman, councilman Mohr dies

■ Michael J. Mohr also was a long-time member of the Harlan City Council

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**HARLAN** -- Longtime Harlan businessman and Harlan city councilman Michael J. Mohr died Tuesday, April 17 from complications arising from a heart attack he suffered in Kansas City, Mo. last week.

Mohr, 59, owner/operator of Logeland Studio with his wife, Laura Arkfeld-Mohr, was in Kansas City for a photography conference when he became ill. He was being attended to at a Kansas City hospital, where he died early Tuesday morning.

As a businessman, Mohr was known to many as a professional. Members of the Professional Photographers of Iowa currently are assisting Logeland Studio during this time to meet appointments, wedding engagements and other photography needs. His wife, Laura, assisted by Becky Gross, will continue to operate the studio.

As a councilman, Mohr was a



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voice for the people in Ward 1.

He was in his 12th year on the city council, and he readily offered his opinions on issues in the

best interest of the city such as downtown issues, parks and recreation and public safety, just to name a few.

Councilman Richard Daberkow said Mohr will be missed. "Mike's been a good, loyal council member and very active for his ward, always interested in seeing things done in his ward," said Daberkow. "It will be difficult without Mike. We were elected the same year and have served on the council the same number of years."

Harlan Mayor Gary Christiansen said Mohr has been chairman of nearly every city committee, and was a major force in getting things accomplished on the Parks and Recreation Board and Public Safety department.

"He was always an asset to the community," Christiansen said. "He had his opinions and never

backed down, showing his interest in the people of Harlan and the people in his ward.

"He will be missed on the council. He wouldn't have been there for 12 years if he didn't care."

Services will be held Friday, April 20 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with burial in the St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama. A lunch will follow the service. A prayer service was held Thursday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Pauley Funeral Home, Harlan. Visitation was Thursday from noon-9:30 p.m. at Pauley's.

Mohr is survived by his wife, Laura Arkfeld-Mohr; son John (Kristine) Mohr of Roseville, Calif.; daughter Kelly Mohr of San Diego, Calif.; brother Pat (Jeannie) Mohr of Galva; sisters Pamela (Wes) Johnson of Rapid City, SD and Julia (Howard) Wolfe of Sioux City; and one granddaughter.