

## John J. Petsche, 85

April 4, 1912 - May 29, 1997 ✓

**HARLAN** - John Jacob Petsche, son of John H. and Elizabeth K. (Jacoby) Petsche, was born April 4, 1912, at Westphalia. He was one of ten children. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. He attended St. Boniface Catholic School and grew to adulthood on the family farm, where he helped his family with the farming.

Oct. 4, 1937, he married Alma Weihs at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. They farmed in the Westphalia, Dunlap, Irwin and Portsmouth area before retiring to their present home in Harlan. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. He became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home March 25, 1996, and it was there that he died May 29, 1997, at age 85 years, one month and 25 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, George, Tony, Leo, Frank and Mike. He is survived by his wife, Alma of Harlan; a brother, Lawrence Petsche (Helen) of Harlan; his sisters, Estella Boettger of Harlan; Agnes Chamberlain of Panama and Cecelia Schwery of Vail; sister-in-laws, Suzie Petsche of Elk Horn and Helen Petsche of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated June 2, 1997, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Rev. Daniel Petsche celebrant and Rev. Gordon Gittins homilist. Concelebrating were Msgr. Robert Chamberlain, Rev. Paul Bianchi and Rev. Victor F. Ramaeker. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Mark Schwery, Allen L. Petsche, Kelly Schwery, Neil J. Petsche, Michael Weihs, Ron Chamberlain and Leonard A. Petsche casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

