

## Isidore Schwarte, 94

*Feb. 9, 1913 - March 29, 2007*

**HARLAN** – Isidore Leonard Schwarte was born February 9, 1913, to Herman and Rose (Lehan) Schwarte in Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and attended grade school and high school at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling. He enlisted in the United States Army in March of 1941, serving during World War II as a truck driver and as a driver for a general. He was stationed for a time in Kodiak, AK. He earned the Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, and the American Theater Ribbon before his honorable discharge from service in November of 1945. He served a total of four years, five months, and thirteen days.



Jan. 21, 1943, Isidore married Meritta Hendricks at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Three children were born to this union: Robert, Shirley, and Tami. He farmed north of Harlan for several years. Isidore was the manager of the Harlan City Roller Mill where they produced rolled oats for livestock. He remained at the mill until his retirement. After his retirement, he mowed lawns until he had his heart attack in 1992. He went to California in January of 2005, where he lived with his son for a year and a half.

He then returned to his home in June of 2006 and lived in his own home. He was admitted to Myrtue Medical Center Feb. 6, 2007. He went home Feb. 12, 2007. He was re-admitted to Myrtue Feb. 19 and stayed until March 15 when he was discharged to Little Flower Haven in Earling. March 19, he was transferred to Creighton Medical Center. From that point, he stayed at Creighton until March 28 when he was transferred back to Little Flower Haven. It was there that he died March 29, 2007 at age ninety-four years, one month, and twenty days.

Isidore was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of sixty years, Meritta Schwarte, his four brothers: Joseph, Frank, Wilford, and Henry, and one sister, Quirina Bauman. He is survived by his son Robert Schwarte of Huntington Beach, CA; his daughters: Shirley Welker of Harlan and Tami (William) Stinn of Westphalia; two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, his sister Rosetta Hendricks of Harlan, nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held April 3, 2007, with Rev. Bob Hoeffler officiating at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Casket bearers were Ron Kleffman, Albert Schwarte, Ralph Bauman, Larry Welker, Richard Schwarte, Joe Schwarte, Jr., and Gene Hendricks. Military rites were held at the Harlan Cemetery, by Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 and Harlan American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.