

## Elmer Schwery, 79

May 30, 1929 - April 24, 2009

**HARLAN** — Elmer John Schwery was born on May 30, 1929 in Westphalia, to Leo and Priscilla (Musich) Schwery. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. He attended St. Boniface Catholic School. He grew up on a farm and like many, he learned numerous trades. Aside from farming and raising livestock, he was a butcher, trucker, beekeeper, auctioneer, and electrician.

Elmer was united in marriage to Arlene Schechinger on September 14, 1950, at St. Boniface Catholic Church. Six children were born to this union: Charlene, Lynn, Tim, Cheryl, Kelly, and Christi. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed playing, coaching, and watching baseball, gardening, fishing, dancing, hunting, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He also had a special love of country music where he played with bands such as Sons of the South, The Country Four, Country Friends, and others. In addition to his love of country music, he also loved telling stories and giving hugs. After retiring, he continued helping Arlene with the carpet business and doing motor repair. Elmer died on Friday, April 24, 2009, at Myrtue Medical Center having attained the age of seventy-nine years, ten months, and twenty-five days.

Elmer was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Arlene, and his daughter Charlene. He is survived by his children: Lynn Schwery and his wife Ardie of Boone, Tim Schwery and his wife Cheryl of Underwood, Cheryl Ronfeldt and her friend Kevin Torneten of Neola, Kelly Schwery and his wife Sandi of Westphalia, and Christi and her husband Chuck Leinen of Omaha, NE; seventeen grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters Alda Goetz of Denison, and Arlene and her husband Mike Pauley of Portsmouth; his brother Harold Schwery and his wife Alice of Westphalia; other family members and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Rev. Bob Hoefler celebrated and Rev. John Dorton concelebrated the 11:00 AM service. Interment was held at St. Boniface Cemetery in Westphalia, with Duane Schwery, Ronnie Schechinger, Galen Pauley, Tony Goetz, Tom Schechinger, and Ed Wehr serving as casket bearers.



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