

## **Frank Alphonse "Al" Wirtz, 75**

**May 1, 1920 - July 25, 1995**

**Harlan** - Frank Alphonse "Al" Wirtz, son of John and Mary (Majerus) Wirtz, was born May 1, 1920 in Defiance. He was raised in the Panama community and attended school there. After serving in World War II, he was employed as a truck driver for Western Engineering in Harlan. He retired in 1982.

July 30, 1942 he married Lucille Princella Smith at St. Magdeline Catholic Church in Omaha. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. He died July 25, 1995, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 75 years, 2 months and 24 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, John Wirtz; and two sisters, Margaret Majerus and Clara Wilwerding. Survivors include his wife of nearly 53 years, Lucille, of Harlan; one brother, Norbert Wirtz of Montgomery; four sisters, Dorothy Reising, Donna Nielsen, and Rita Rauterkus all of San Angelo, TX and Anna Schmieding of Harlan and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Rosary was held July 27, 1995, at Burmeister Funeral Home in Harlan. A Mass of Christian Burial was held July 28, 1995, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with Msgr. Edward Kelly celebrant. Casket bearers were Garry Smith, Marlin Smith, Gaylen Smith, Roland Smith, Pete Schmieding, and Bill Schmieding. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Panama with military graveside services conducted by Panama American Legion Post #601. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.