

## Louis Weihs, 92

July 28, 1921 - April 5, 2014

**HARLAN** — Louis George Weihs, son of Anton John and Catherine Marie (Stinn) Weihs, was born July 28, 1921 on a farm in Grove Township near Earling. He was baptized at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, and attended Grove Township country school.

January 11, 1954, Louis was united in marriage to Rita LaVon Reid at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Three children were born to this union: Ron, Julie and David. After their marriage, they farmed east of Harlan where they remained. In addition to farming, Louis enjoyed working with stock cows. He served as a 4H Club leader and enjoyed



spending time on projects with the kids. His farm and his family were his passions. He like to keep up with current events and read the newspaper daily. He had a great aptitude for math and could effectively predict the cattle prices. He was the primary caretaker during his wife's illness. After Rita's death in 1994, Louis remained on the family farm until his health forced him to become a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Home in Harlan in 2005. It was there that he died on Saturday, April 5, 2014 having attained the age of ninety-two years, eight months, and eight days.

Louis was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Rita, brother Alfred, and sisters Marilyn and Edna. He is survived by his children: Ron Weihs and his wife Sally of Defiance, Julie and her husband Larry Goetzinger of Westphalia, and David Weihs and his wife Kelley of Missouri Valley; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother Wilfred Weihs and his wife JoAnn of Harlan; sisters: Bernice Anastasi of Earling, Rita and her husband Jack Claussen of Harlan, and Joanne and her husband Mike Kostanecki of Boise, ID; other family members and friends.

Rev. John Frost celebrated the 11:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Music was provided by John Rosman and Jan Rau. Serving as casket bearers were Tom Whannell, Dennis Anastasi, John Reid, Jim Claussen, Bill Reid, and Gary Weihs. Interment was held in the Harlan Cemetery.

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