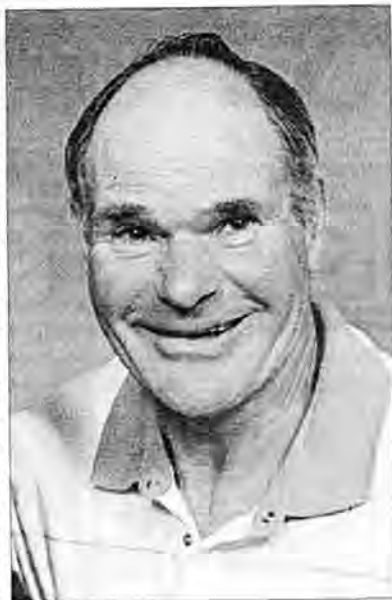


## Richard Wilwerding, 77

March 11, 1935 - Nov. 11, 2012

**HARLAN** — Richard John Wilwerding was born on March 11, 1935 to Carl and Irene (Rosman) Wilwerding on a farm near Earling. He was baptized at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Buck Grove. He attended country school through the eighth grade and graduated from Dow City High School with the Class of 1953.

January 20, 1968, Richard was united in marriage to Shirley Haley at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Omaha, NE. Richard served in the United States Army during the Korean War. After his honorable discharge, he spent forty-six years working for the Chicago/Milwaukee Railroad. He also farmed near the Portsmouth



area. He was a quiet but hard-working man. He loved going to farm sales and antiquing. He could spend hours playing cards with family and friends and especially enjoyed Pitch, Euchre, and Poker. In 1993, Richard retired and he and Shirley moved to Harlan. Richard died on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE, having attained the age of seventy-seven years, seven months, and thirty days.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters: Phyllis Heller and Maxine Wilwerding. He is survived by his wife Shirley Wilwerding of Harlan; brothers and sisters: Ivo Wilwerding and his wife Darlene of Westphalia, Norma Jablonski of Omaha, NE, Jolene and her husband Ed Blum of Panama, Judy and her husband John Thraen of Earling, Jane Wilwerding of St. Louis, MO, Duane "Bud" Wilwerding and his wife Sandy of Omaha, Carol and her husband Don Eagle of Garland, TX, and Larry Wilwerding and his wife Sharon of Omaha, other family members and friends.

Rev. John Frost celebrated the 11:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Serving as casket bearers were Donald Wilwerding, Steven Blum, Gene Wilwerding, Jerry Wilwerding, Gerry Thraen, and Gary Wilwerding. Military Rites were performed by the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 and the Harlan American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 at the Harlan Cemetery.

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