

## Alfred H. Bartrug, 90

Alfred Howard Bartrug, son of Edwin and Carrie E. Soesebe Bartrug, was born Feb. 10, 1892 in Harlan. He attended school and grew to adulthood in Harlan. He then was employed by Booth Motors, the Ford Dealership in Harlan as a mechanic for several years.

On Sept. 20, 1917, he was inducted into the U.S. Army to serve his country overseas as a sergeant during World War I. After receiving an honorable discharge on Dec. 7, 1918, he returned to Harlan.

On Dec. 8, 1920, he married Amanda Claussen at Harlan. One son, Howard, was born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home in Harlan.

On June 29, 1942, he was once again asked to serve his country, this time during World War II as a corporal serving with the 9th Division in the North African Campaign and in Sicily and Italy. He was at Oran, St. Cloud, Kasserine Pass, where part of the 34th Division was captured at Hill 609 near Mateur, in the Battle of Tunis, Sicily and then Italy. After receiving his honorable discharge on Oct. 14, 1943, he returned to Newton, where he was employed by the Maytag Company for a short time. He then moved to Mich. where he was employed as a mechanic for several years.

On Jan. 4, 1958, he married Florence A. Rheam at Muskegan, Mich. They lived in Muskegan for the next nine years before moving to Santa Ana, Calif. This was their home for four years. They then moved to Omaha, Neb. and in 1978, they made their home at the Westridge Apartments in Harlan. In Aug. of 1981, he became a resident of

the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. A few days later, on Aug. 18, 1981, Mrs Bartrug died. Alfred continued to live at the Baptist Home.

He was a member of the Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., Barracks No. 1508 of Harlan. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Wednesday, April 28, 1982 at the age of 90 years.

In addition to his wife and parents, Alfred was preceded in death by one brother, Hallie and two sisters, Ruth Miller and Harriet McGee.

He is survived by his one son, Howard of Topeka, Kans.; two grandchildren and one great grandchild; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Friday, April 30, with Pastor C. Donald Thrash of the First Baptist church officiating.

Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Bruce Nelson, Brian Nelson, Pat McPherson, Elmer O. Jensen, Chris H. Bartrug and Guy Christoffersen serving as casketbearers.

Military rites were conducted at the cemetery by the V.F.W. Post No. 941 of Harlan.