

Harold J. Benoit, 67

HARLAN — James Harold Benoit, son of Alfred and Lilean (Jepson) Benoit was born in Gilmore City, on March 23, 1910. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on July 12, 1977 at age 67 years, three months and 19 days. He was baptized and confirmed at St John's Catholic church in Gilmore City. As a young boy he moved with his parents to Corley, where he attended school and grew to adulthood. After completing his schooling, he worked on farms in that vicinity. On Oct. 21, 1933, he married Alice Kinsey at Papillion, Nebr. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Benoit made their home in Harlan, where Harold worked for J. H. Frederickson Transfer. He served as Street Commissioner for Harlan from 1945-1955. From 1960-1962 he managed the Shelby County Farm. He later drove the Conoco Tank Wagon for the Harlan Auto Mart. Mr Benoit was a member of St. Michael's church in Harlan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisers - Helen, Gladys and Dorothy. His survivors include his wife, Alice of Harlan; two sons - Jamie Benoit of Creston and Lanny Benoit of Afton; a daughter, Judy (Mrs Larry Knudson) of Irwin and by eight grandchildren; by three brothers - Merle, Lester (Mick), and Robert Benoit, all of Clinton; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Thursday, July 14, 1977 with Rev. Michael Sims, pastor of St. Boniface church in Westphalia, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Oris Plumb, Jack Murray, Walter Krantz, Clare O. Lyon, Kenneth A. Olson and Jerry Schwinderman serving as pallbearers.