

Alfred T. Book, 68

Alfred Theodore Book, the son of Arthur and Magdelene (Scheuring) Book was born Nov. 3, 1917 near Defiance. He died at St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha on Oct. 16, 1986 at age 68 years, 11 months and three days. As a young boy, he was baptized, received his First Communion and was confirmed in the Catholic church and grew to adulthood on his father's farm.

On July 18, 1941, he was inducted into the U.S. Army, serving his country during WW II. After his honorable discharge from the Army on Jan. 9, 1946, he returned to Harlan to work for the Chicago-Great Western Railroad. He later worked for Western Engineering in Harlan.

On Sept. 20, 1958, he married Helen Jacoby at St. Peter's Catholic church in Defiance. After his retirement in 1976, they continued to live in Harlan. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic church and the V.F.W., both of Harlan.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by three sisters: Leona, Margaret and Mary. He is survived by his wife: Helen of Harlan; his mother: Magdelene of Dunlap; one brother: Edmund of Mission, TX.; three sisters: Mildred (Mrs Virgil) Smartt of Co. Bluffs; Marilyn (Mrs Harold) Fritz of Harlan and Alma Book of Harlan; nieces and nephew and other relatives.

A mass of Christian burial was celebrated Oct. 8, 1986 at St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan with Rev. David Polich as the celebrant, assisted by Fr. Edward Scheuring. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Edmund Book Jr., Ronnie Book, Ray Buman, Earnest Bickert Jr., Ludwig Buman and Robert Book serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.