

## Harry R. Skinner, 86 ✓

May 20, 1911 - July 11, 1997

**HARLAN** - Harry Ronald Skinner, son of Harry and Wilma (Oehler) Skinner, was born May 20, 1911, at Co. Bluffs. He attended country grade school and graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in 1928. He worked for a newspaper in Norfolk, NE and also operated his own grocery store for a short time. He then established his own Photographic Portrait Business in Beatrice, NE, and later in Harrisonville, MO. He retired in Harrisonville, MO.

Sept. 5, 1981, he married Phoebe Swanson of Co. Bluffs, and they made their home there until 1991, at which time they moved to Harlan. They have continued to make Harlan their home. He died at his home July 11, 1997, at age 86 years, one month and 21 days. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan and also a member of Kiwanis in Harlan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Bertha; a daughter, Sharon; his four brothers and sister; and his step-grandson, David Graeve. Survivors include his wife, Phoebe of Harlan; his daughters, Sandra McDonald of Mabank, TX and Gail (James) Thompson of Harrisonville, MO; his son, H. Edward Skinner (Ann) of Conway, AR; two stepdaughters, Barbara Colton of Indianola and Harriett (Phil) Graeve of Defiance; nine grandchildren, five great grandchildren and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated July 14, 1997, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Msgr. Edward Kelly celebrant and Rev. Vince Ohlinger and Rev. Paul Bianchi concelebrating and Rev. Mr. Pat Davitt assisting. Burial was in Ridgewood Cemetery in Co. Bluffs, with Jim Noble, Frank "Rusty" Wirth, Glen Rixen, Roger Carlon, John Klein and Angelo Amato casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.