Harlan, Iowa Tribune Wed. December 17, 1986 pg 2-B Harold W. Fritz, 60

Harold Wesley Fritz, the son of William Wesley and Hazel Dell (Wells) Fritz was born Dec. 23, 1925, near Harlan. He attended Harlan school. He entered the U.S. Army on Feb. 28, 1944, serving his country in Europe during WW II as a rifleman and received the Purple Heart. After his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army on May 8, 1946, he returned to the Harlan area where he drove a truck for J.H. Fredericksen. He was employed by the Highway Commission for 19 years, Henry G. Nelson Trucking firm, National By-Products and for three years, Yellow Freight. He retired in 1978 due to ill health.

On Sept. 1, 1956, he married Marilyn Book at St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan. One daughter was born to this union. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post 941 of Harlan. He died. Nov. 25, 1986 at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, at age 60 years, 11 months and two days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn of Harlan; daughter, Teresa (Mrs Jack) Huffstutler of Harlan; one granddaughter, Angie Huffstutler of Harlan; two sisters, Ariel (Mrs Ambrose) Thraen of Harlan; and Nettie Belle Fymbo of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 28, 1986 at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan with Rev. David Polich of St. Michael's Catholic church, officiating. Burial was in the Bowman's Grove cemetery, Harlan with James Shelton, Verner Schmitz, Roger Schwieso, Arthur Maxwell, Dean Oldenburg and Steve Mathiasen serving as casketbearers.