

James F. Poepsel, 49

Harlan — James Francis Poepsel, son of Frank L. and Kathryn Phelan Poepsel, was born July 23, 1931 in Ft. Madison. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's church in West Point. He grew to adulthood in West Point, graduating from St. Mary's high school in 1949.

On July 27, 1949, Mr Poepsel enlisted in the Marine Corp, serving as a private until receiving his honorable discharge on June 30, 1950. On June 20, 1951, he was recalled for active duty to serve in the Korean War, during which time he was promoted to Sgt. After receiving his honorable discharge on May 29, 1952, he returned to Iowa to continue his education. He attended the University of Iowa for two years, and then went to Iowa Wesleyan College at Mt. Pleasant, where he graduated.

On Aug. 17, 1957, he married Edna Mertens at St. Mary's church West Point. Eight children were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home in Elk Horn, where he taught school until 1961, when they moved to Co. Bluffs, where he taught at Lewis Central until moving to Harlan in 1966. He taught at the Harlan high school until 1973, when he became employed at the State of Iowa Adult Corrections Bureau until 1979. Since June of 1979, he has owned and operated the Dairy Sweet in Harlan. Mr Poepsel was a member of St. Michael's church in Harlan.

He died at the Cherokee City hospital, Cherokee, on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1980, at age

49 years, 4 months and 16 days.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dr. Frank Poepsel and an infant sister. Survivors include his wife, Edna of Harlan; three sons, James S., a student at the UNI, Cedar Falls; Frank and Johnk, both living at home; five daughters, Patricia of Omaha, Neb.; Kathryn of Houston, Texas; Susan, a student at UNI; Sara and Mary, both living at home; his home, Mrs Frank Poepsel and one brother, Dr. Harvey Poepsel, both of Iowa City and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Michael's church, Harlan, on Friday, Dec. 12, 1980 with Rev. Richard G. Wagner as celebrant. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Paul Rust, Ray Buman, Pat Byrnes, James M. Elder, Dr. R.E. Donlin and Martin C. Zaccone serving as pallbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan handled the arrangements.