

## Donald R. Blum, 73

*Oct. 12, 1926 - May 14, 2000*

**HARLAN** – Donald Ray Blum, son of Henry J. and Mary Margaret (Haberberger) Blum, was born Oct. 12, 1926, in Grove Township in the home he grew to adulthood. He was baptized at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, and confirmed at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap. He attended country school and then St. Paul's School in Defiance.

He married Marie C. Mumm Sept. 7, 1950, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Eight children were born to this union. Donald farmed all of his life until his retirement in 1991. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, until December of 1997, when he and Marie moved to Harlan, and became a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church. He was a Holy Name officer, a member of St. Peter's Choir, an officer of Shelby County Cattlemen's Association and he was on the board for the ASCS office. He died May 14, 2000, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 73 years, seven months and two days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Wilma and Marie, and his brother, Ivo. Survivors include his wife, Marie of Harlan; his children, Michael Blum (Linda) of Manilla; Gary Blum (Ann) of Earling; Patricia (Jerry) Lally of Denison; Timothy Blum (Dianne) of Portsmouth; Thomas Blum (Brenda) of Denison; Julie (Michael) Dresen of Earling; Ann (Jeff) Mayne of Harlan; Amy Blum and her fiance, Jon Rodacker of Harlan; 14 grandchildren, brother-in-law, George Stolz, Jr. of Earling; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held May 14, 2000, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, with Msgr. Lawrence Beeson as the celebrant. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance, with Jenna Blum, Emma Lally, Paige Blum, Claire Dresen, Hope Campbell, Joanie Lally, Rebecca Dresen, Elizabeth Dresen, Lynnetta Blum and Dawn Kuehnhold honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Craig Blum, Jesse Blum, Kevin Blum, Jason Kuehnhold, Nathan Lally, Matthew Blum and Jesse Kuehnhold. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.