

## **D. Dean Claussen, 72**

*May 29, 1928 - Sept. 8, 2000*

**HARLAN** - D. Dean Claussen, son of John H. and Hazel M. (Carlyle) Claussen, was born May 29, 1928, at Harlan. He was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. He attended country school in Lincoln Township and was a member of the 1945 graduating class of Harlan High School. Dean served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict from 1951 to 1953.

July 12, 1959, he married Sally Bolin at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in Lincoln Township until 1970. In 1974, Dean accepted a position on the housekeeping staff at Myrtue Memorial Hospital. As a result of ill health, he retired in 1990. He became a resident of Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in November of 1999. Sept. 8, 2000, he died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 72 years, three months and ten days..

He was preceded in death by his parents. Surviving are his wife, Sally Ann Claussen of Harlan; his children, Kurt Claussen (Joanne) of Apple Valley, MN; Keri (Edward Metcalf) of Jeffrey City, WY and Stephen Claussen of Silver Spring, MD; his grandchildren, Philip Claussen, Kevin Metcalf, Michael Metcalf and April Metcalf; one brother, Jack Claussen (Rita) of rural Harlan; and other relatives.

A memorial service was held Sept. 11, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastors Jon Benson and Heather Becklin officiating. A private inurnment was held at the Harlan Cemetery prior to the memorial service. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.