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Marvin J. Meurer, 86

Aug. 7, 1920 - July 16, 2007

EXIRA — Marvin Joseph Meurer, son of Joseph Steven and Helen (Nevertill) Meurer, was born Aug. 7, 1920, in Newton. His family moved to Exira shortly after his birth. He attended school in Exira, graduating with the high school class of 1941. He then was employed at the Meurer and Beers Service Station in Exira. Marvin enlisted in the service during WWII where he served in the 102nd Division of the U.S. Army from November of 1942 until he was honorably discharged in May of 1946.

Upon his return to Exira, Marvin met and married Bernice Duckworth Aug. 22, 1947. Five children were born to this union. Marvin was employed at Beers Furniture and later purchased and owned and operated Meurer's Furniture Store. Upon its closing in 1966 he went to work for Floorcraft in Harlan as a carpet installer. In 1970, he began working at Payless Cashway as a carpet salesman and installer until he retired. He then laid carpet with his sons until 1995. He died July 16, 2007, at the Exira Care Center at age 86 years, 11 months, and nine days.

Preceding Marvin in death were his parents and his step-mother, Minnie (Wahlert) Meurer. Survivors include his children, Don Ray (Jeanette) Meurer of

Harlan; Linda Meurer of Exira; Larry (Pam) Meurer of Harlan; Gary (Janet) Meurer of Council Bluffs; and Deb (Ken) Williams of Atlantic; 12 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Robert Hennick July 19, 2007, at Kessler Funeral Home in Exira. Burial was in the Exira Cemetery. Military graveside rites were conducted by America Legion Ballou Post No. 332 in Exira. Honorary casket bearers were Tony Kommes, Richard (Dick) Petersen, Todd Brown, and Curt Andersen. Casket bearers were Jamie Meurer, Kevin Smith, Michael Meurer, David Meurer, Daniel Meurer, Kris Krogh, Amy Jo Jensen, Dana Brix, Stephany Meurer, Shelly Meurer, Darrin Meurer, and Justin Smoose. Kessler Funeral Home in Exira in charge of arrangements.