

Leo Petsche, 84 ✓ ✓

Nov. 29, 1907 — Sept. 3, 1992

HARLAN — Leo Peter Petsche, son of John and Elizabeth (Jacoby) Petsche was born Nov. 29, 1907, on a farm near Westphalia. He died Sept. 3, 1992, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 84 years, nine months and five days. He was baptized, received his First Holy Communion, and was confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. He attended St. Boniface School, and grew to adulthood helping on the family farm as well as working as a hired hand on other farms in the area. He was employed by Erenbach Plumbing Company in Harlan and later with the Standard Oil Company delivering gas and oil to local farmers.

June 12, 1940, he married Catherine Klein at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. After their marriage, they moved to a farm near Woodbine in Harrison County. In 1947, they moved to a farm north of Harlan, and this has been their home since that time. They were the parents of four children. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, and the Knights of Columbus, Harlan Council #3900.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, George, Tony, Frank, and Michael. Surviving is his wife, Catherine of Harlan; a son, Fr. Daniel Petsche, O.S.B., Conception, MO.; three daughters, Kaleen (Paul) Baker of Winchester, VA.; Maryalyce (Dick) Dotzler of Harlan; and Ronell (Dennis) Lindeman of Ames; 8 grandchildren; three sisters, Estella Boettger of Harlan; Cecilia Schwery of Vail; and Agnes Chamberlain of Panama; two brothers, John Petsche, Jr., and Lawrence Petsche, both of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Sept. 5, 1992 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with Fr. Daniel Petsche, O.S.B., celebrant. Concelebrating was Fr. Benedict Neenan, O.S.B., Fr. Gregory Polan, O.S.B., Fr. Peter Ulrich, O.S.B., Fr. David Polich and Fr. Mike McLaughlin. The Final Commendation was given by Msgr. Robert Chamberlain. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Mark Schwery, Ron Chamberlain, Gerald Gross, Lavern Petsche, Kenneth Arkfeld, and Lanny Petsche, casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.