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Donald Weddle, 73 June 22, 1933 - Feb. 22, 2007

HARLAN — Donald "Don" Weddle was born June 22, 1933, to Sanford and Margaritte (Burns) Weddle in Sioux City. He was baptized, confirmed, and served as an alter boy at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Sioux City. Don attended St. Boniface Catholic School through the eighth grade and continued his education at Woodrow Wilson High School in Sioux City where he obtained his GED. He enlisted in the United States Army Oct. 11, 1951, and served his country during the Korean War. After serving for two years on active duty, he then transferred to the United States Army Reserves to complete his eight years of service.



April 2, 1957, Don married Maryann Delaney in Sioux City. Three children were born to this union; one son, Mark, and two daughters. Della and Donna. Don was employed at the Oakland Beef plant for 10 years. He started working at Variety Distributors in Harlan in 1989 and was employed there until he retired in 2004. He died February 22, 2007, at his home in Harlan at age 73 years and eight months.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Sanford and Margaritte; his brother, Russel Weddle; and his sister, Lorraine Ryder. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Maryann Weddle of Harlan; his son, Mark Weddle of Council Bluffs; his daughters, Della Gardner of Defiance, and Donna Weddle of Harlan; his brothers and sisters, Lois (Hank) Buletti of Greenfield, CA; Jerry Weddle of Denver, CO; Lavonne Smith of California; Patricia Sherman of Stacy, MN; Kay (Ron) Simoni of Chippewa Falls, WI; Jim (Carol) Weddle of Council Bluffs; and Judy Saddler of Palm Springs, CA; two grandsons, Andrew Hansen and Adam Weddle; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A memorial service was held Feb. 26, 2007, at the Abundant Life Church in Harlan, with Pastor Jeff Erlemeier officiating. Casket bearers were Alvin Kite and Rodger Petersen. Military rites were held by Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 and the Harlan American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 at the Harlan Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.