

Remembrance

Virgil I. Koppold, 88

May 26, 1930 - July 26, 2018

HARLAN – Virgil Ivo Koppold was born on May 26, 1930 to Frank and Barbara (Dotzler) Koppold in Harlan. He was baptized, received his First Communion and confirmed at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. He graduated from Harlan High School with the Class of 1949.

On July 2, 1951, Virgil was united in marriage to Rosemary Helen (Klein) at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Five sons and six daughters were born to this union. After their marriage Virgil and Rosemary farmed for many years. They were members of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan.

One thing you could say about Virgil is that he loved his wife very much and he always said, "I think she is still the best-looking woman, she's awfully cute." all the way up until the last time he saw her. He was a great whistler and could whistle while he worked all over the farm. He worked so many hours to raise his family, he worked at the sale barn, he pushed snow in winter time for the elderly, for grocery stores and other places in Harlan. At the same time, he raised soybeans and corn, cattle and hogs. He was involved with the Iowa Cattlemen's Association for many years and was the president in the late 70s. He taught his children his amazing work ethic and his zest for life.

Virgil had a great laugh! He and Rosemary met at a dance and they continued to dance for almost 67 years of marriage. Virgil enjoyed playing cards and singing with the Golden Aires. He loved to listen to music, watch Dean Martin, Carol Burnett and many other variety shows on TV. He also enjoyed The Honeymooners, All in the Family and Married with Children. He wasn't a big drinker, but he did enjoy the fellowship of a card game in a local pub.

Virgil was also generous with his time, helping others by giving them a ride to an appointment or just sitting and having a long conversation and sharing a joke or a story. He had several signs on his front lawn that his dear friend Murphy painted for him. He put thousands of hours on his lawn mower cutting his lawn and so many others. He loved roller skating and spending time with his kids and grandchildren. He will be missed by many.

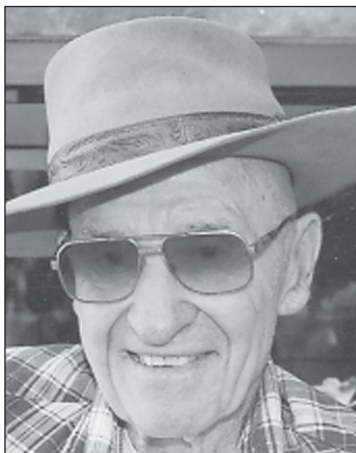
In addition to his parents, Virgil was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years Rosemary (Klein) Koppold, three brothers Lavern, Frank and Victor, his son Paul, daughter Barbara Sullivan (Ed) and his grandson Paul Sullivan.

Those remaining to cherish Virgil's memory include his children: Terry (Cheryl) of Harlan, Mike (Jean) of Council Bluffs, Chuck (Junie) of San Antonio, TX, Connie Carmichael (Jeff) of Newton, Catie Walker of Port Orange, FL, Faye Kelly (Alan) of Murfreesboro, TN, Sally Koppold, Pipilion, NE, Joan Mabee (Ron) of Covina, CA and Scott (Michelle) of Harlan, his son-in-law Ed Sullivan of Woodbine; 15 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren; one brother Leonard (Larry) Koppold (Sharon), Allen, TX and two sisters Maryann (Mickie) Goettsch, Hancock; and Birdie (Leona) Ashbaugh, Henderson, NV

A funeral mass was held 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Church, Harlan, with Father Joel McNeil officiant and Father John Frost assisting.

Pallbearers were Ryan Sullivan, Alex Koppold, Matt Koppold, Jason Koppold, Chad Koppold and Daniel Chaberlain. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

Cutler-O'Neill Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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