



Richard Bryant Highfill

June 18, 1927 - October 23, 2013

A Mass of Christian Burial for Richard Bryant Highfill, 86, of Enid, will be held at 10:00 AM Monday, October 28, 2013 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, with Rev. Rajesh Mankena and Rev. Joseph Irwin, celebrants. Burial will follow at 2:00 PM in Cherokee Cemetery with military honors by U.S. Army Honor Guard. Recitation of the Rosary will be 5:00 PM Sunday at Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home. Richard was born June 18, 1927 to Charley Ellsworth and Lillie Clara (Pfeiffer) Highfill in Carmen, and died October 24, 2013 in Enid. He attended schools in the Cherokee area and graduated from high school at Lambert in 1945. Richard served in WWII from 1945-1946 and the Korean War from 1950-1953 with the 45th Infantry Division Artillery as a truck and track mechanic. After his discharge, he worked nine years for Clark and Broce Construction in Woodward. Richard married Rachel Alice Stottmann on November 26, 1955 at Quinlin Catholic Church. They made their home on a farm southeast of Cherokee, and to this union six children were born. Richard farmed for 32 years, worked on road construction, at Helena State School, and Alfalfa County, retiring in July 1989. Richard and Rachel moved to Enid in 1986. He was a member of VFW Post #2270 and Knights of Columbus #1044. Richard loved working in his garden and yard, tending to his wife's flower beds. Richard is survived by his wife Rachel of the home; five children: Charles, David, and Lillian, all of Enid; John and wife Denise of Selma, North Carolina, and George and wife Debbie of Cherokee; five grandchildren: Christopher, Stephanie, Hether, Ashly, and Hally. He was preceded in death

by son Richard E., parents, three brothers and one sister. Memorial may be made to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.