

Peter Blum, 87

Westphalia — Peter Blum, son of Michael and Catherine Clemens Blum, was born on a farm in Shelby county just east of Westphalia, on Mar. 21, 1892. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface church in Westphalia. He attended St. Boniface school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm.

On April 20, 1915, Peter married Hulda Dora Book in St. Boniface church, Westphalia. Six children were born to this union. They made their home on a farm east of Westphalia until retiring from farming and moving into Westphalia in 1950. This has been their home since that time. Peter served as janitor for St. Boniface Parish for many years after moving to town. He and Dora would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this coming April.

Mr Blum died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, on Friday, Jan. 4, 1980, at age 87 years, 9 months and 13 days. He had been a life time member of St. Boniface church in Westphalia. He had also been a member of the Holy Name Society.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two daughters—Esther C. Blum and Verdella H. Blum; three brothers—Joseph, Michael and Benedict Blum; and four sisters—Catherine Goetzinger, Anna Kwapiszeski, Sr. M. Antilia and Mary Katzer.

Survivors include his wife, Dora, of Westphalia; two sons—Herbert M. Blum of Harlan and Albert J. Blum of Cecil, Wisc.; two daughters—Antilia (Mrs Albert Wingert, Sr.) of Panama and Bernice (Mrs Leonard Rauterkus) of New Richmond, Wisc., 24 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren; by two brothers—John Blum of Earling and Chris Blum, Sr. of Panama; four sisters—Sr. Margaret Blum of Omaha, Lena Blum of Earling, Clara Lefeber and Sophie (Mrs Chris Schoemann), both of Portsmouth, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Boniface church in Westphalia on Monday, Jan. 7, 1980, with Rev. Robert L. Schoemann, a nephew of Mr. Blum, as celebrant and Rev. David Fenelon as concelebrant. Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery, Westphalia, with Les Blum, Gary Blum, Keith Blum, Don Wingert, Ken Wingert, Mark Wingert, Leo Rauterkus and Ralph Rauterkus, all grandsons of Mr. Blum, serving as pallbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of the services.