

The Life Story of —
FRED BRUCK, 87

EARLING — Fred Bruck, son of Anton and Catherine Schmitz Bruck, was born Mar 9, 1886 in Luxembourg. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, on Dec. 15, 1973, at age 87 years, 9 months, 6 days. When he was six years old he came to the U.S. with his parents, settling near Dubuque in Stone City, Ia. They made this their home for 8 years before moving to Earling, in 1900. This has been Mr Bruck's home since that time. He married Cecelia Funk at St. Joseph's church in Earling on Sept. 28, 1909 and three children were born to this union. Mr and Mrs Bruck were privileged to observe their 64th wedding anniversary this past Sept. After their marriage they farmed southeast of Earling until the winter of 1948, when they moved to their present home in Earling. Mr Bruck has been a member of St. Joseph's church since moving to Earling and he was also a member of the Holy Name Society of this church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Cecelia, just six weeks ago on Oct. 29, 1973; by one grandson, Andrew John Bruck Jr.; three brothers, Jacob, William, and John Bruck; and by one sister, Susan (Mrs Al Wilwerding). Surviving are two sons, Tony and Andrew, both of Earling; one daughter, Mary (Mrs John Smith of Irwin; a brother Charles Bruck of Earling; 22 grandchildren; 38 great grandchildren; his nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's church in Earling on Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1973 with Very Rev. Msgr. Michael W. Schwarte as celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery in Earling with Melvin Bruck, Ralph Bruck, Tom Bruck, John Bruck, Michael Smith and William Smith, his grandsons, serving as pallbearers.
