

Frank J. Heese, 84

Earling — Frank Joseph Heese, son of Henry and Mary A. Kuhl Heese, was born on a farm in Shelby county near Earling on March 3, 1895. He was baptized at St. Boniface church in Westphalia and confirmed at St. Joseph's church, Earling. Frank attended St. Joseph's school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. He then attended Creighton Univ.

In Jan. of 1922, he married Estella M. Weiland. Eight children were born to this union. They farmed near Earling. After her death in Nov. of 1961, Frank and his son, Francis, continued to live on the farm. In April of 1975, he became a resident of Little Flower Haven in Earling and this has been his home since that time. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 1979, at age 84 years, 6 months and two days. He had been a long time member of St. Joseph's church in Earling. He was also a member of the Earling Council No. 1941, Knights of Columbus and the Chalice Club and 4th Degree Knights of Columbus No. 1045 of Co. Bluffs.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by a son, Joseph; a daughter, Madona; four brothers - Henry, Peter, Charles and John; and three sisters - Kathryn, Sr. Laudina and Marie. Survivors include a son, Francis, of Earling; five daughters - Margaret (Mrs Mel Book) and Leona (Mrs Richard Sondag), of Portsmouth, Marie (Mrs Zeno Blum) of Earling, Estella (Mrs Francis Rannells) of Dunlap and Therese (Mrs James Swanson) of Marne; 31 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister, Bertha M. Heese of Omaha; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's church in Earling on Saturday, Sept. 8, 1979, with Rev. Jon Kautzky as celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery with Gary Book, Ken Sondag, Darrell Blum, Frankie Heese, Rick Rannells and Jamie Swanson, his grandsons, serving as pallbearers.