

Arthur J. Koesters, 68

Arthur Joseph Koesters, son of Robert F. and Theresa Schneider Koesters was born Nov. 20, 1914 on a farm near Earling. He was baptized, received his First Communion and confirmation at St. Joseph's Catholic church and attended St. Joseph's Catholic school in Earling. He grew to adulthood helping on the family farm and then continued to farm that same farm until retiring in 1977. He then made his home with his sisters, Nettie and later Valerie. This has been his home since that time.

He was a lifelong member of St. Joseph's Catholic church and was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Earling Council No. 1741. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1982, just four days after celebrating his 68th birthday.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Theresa. He is survived by his four brothers, Norbert, Richard, Frank and Louis Koesters, all of Earling and his four sisters, twins, Gabriella Weis and Valerie Erlbacher, both of Earling and Nettie Koesters and Elizabeth (Mrs Jim) Blum, also of Earling; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling on Friday, Nov. 26, 1982 with the Rev. Tom DeCarlo officiating.

Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery with Ron Weis, Bob Koesters, Dick Erlbacher, Gene Koesters, John Koesters and Dick Koesters serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home of Harlan was in charge of the arrangements.