

C. J. "Blondy" Schaben, 59

Cletus John Schaben, the son of Joseph D. and Evalyn A. Keairnes Schaben, was born at Earling on April 4, 1920. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling. He attended St. Joseph's grade school and high school and after graduating in 1938, was employed with a produce company. In May of 1942, he entered the U.S. Army and served overseas in various places including Normandy and Northern France during WW II. After receiving his honorable discharge in Dec. of 1945, he returned to Earling where he resumed working for the produce company.

On Aug. 29, 1952, he married Mary Agnes Willmes at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama. Mr and Mrs Schaben made their home in Earling. In 1959 Blondy started working for the Bales Elevator Co. and continued at this job until 1962 when he went into the feed business at B & B Farm Supply with Bernie Wilwerding. He died at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan on Aug. 28, 1979, having attained the age of 59 years, four months and 24 days. Blondy had been a life time resident of Earling where he was a lifetime member of St. Joseph's Catholic church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Leo V. Schaben. His survivors include his wife, Mary Agnes of Earling; four brothers - Vincent of Co. Bluffs, Francis of Oak Park, Ill., Kenneth of Moore, Okla., and Robert of Sun Prairie, Wisc., nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling at 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 31, 1979, with the Rev. Jon Kautzky as celebrant. Military Rites was conducted at the graveside by the Earling Post No. 615, American Legion.

Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, Earling, with Mike Schaben, Larry Schaben, Joseph Schaben, David Stessman, Allan Zimmerman and Harold Zimmerman serving as pallbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of the services.