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LEO 'JACK' SCHABEN, 59

Leo V. Schaben, known to all as Jack, was born July 29, 1916 in Earling, second of six sons born to Joseph and Evalyn Kearnes Schaben. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling and graduated from St. Joseph's high school with the class of 1934. After graduation, Jack began farming northwest of Earling. On June 14, 1943 he married Lillian Kramer at St. Peter's Catholic church in Defiance. Eight children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Schaben continued to farm northwest of Earling. While living in the Earling vicinity, he was a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic church and the Earling Council No. 1741 Knights of Columbus. Since 1971 they have made their home at 1210 - 19th St. in Harlan. Shortly after moving to Harlan, he became employed as a custodian at the Baptist Memorial Home. He has been a member of St. Michael's Catholic church since moving to Harlan. He died unexpectedly at his home in Harlan on Jan. 8, 1976, at age 59 years, 5 months and 9 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant son, Gary. Survivors include his wife, Lillian of Harlan; two daughters - Linda (Mrs Merv Jacobsen) of Kirkman and Marla (Mrs Mike Shultz) of Aurora, Colo.; five sons - Dennis of Littleton, Colo., Eugene and Richard of Omaha, Nebr., Lawrence of Earling and Keith of Harlan and eight grandchildren; by five brothers - Vincent of Co. Bluffs, Francis of Oak Park, Ill., Cletus (Blondy) of Earling, Kenneth of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Robert of Sun Prairie, Wisc., nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan, Monday, Jan. 12, 1976, with Rev Anthony J. Palmer as celebrant and the Rev Jon Kautsky as concelebrant. They were assisted by Rev. John W. Nelson, administrator of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery in Earling with Ivo Gaul, John Tremel, Dennis Kohles, Martin Schwarte, Arthur Koesters and Albert Sonderman serving as pallbearers.