

## Valentine A. Schechinger, Sr. 86

Valentine Anthony Schechinger, son of Martin and Anna (Buch) Schechinger, was born Feb. 18, 1895 on a farm in Lincoln twp., Shelby co. He was baptized, received his First Communion and confirmation at St. Boniface Catholic church in Westphalia, and attended the country school. He grew to adulthood on the family farm and then continued to help his father farm.

On Jan. 19, 1920, he married Martha Schmitz at St. Boniface Catholic church. Eight children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed on the same farm where he was born and raised. They farmed for the next 43 years, and in 1963, they retired and moved into Harlan, which has been their home ever since that

time.

He was a member of St. Boniface Catholic church until moving to Harlan and transferring his membership to St. Michael's Catholic church. He was also a past member of the Knights of Columbus and the St. Boniface Holy Name Society in Westphalia. He died at Myrtle Memorial hospital on Wednesday, July 15, 1981, at age 86 years, 4 months and 27 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Anthony and one grandson, Gerard; seven brothers, Martin, Nicholas, Anthony, Charles, Joseph, Jacob and Henry and three sisters, Kate Reding, Frances Muell and Anna Muell. Survivors include his wife, Martha of Harlan; three sons, Valentine Jr. of Harlan, Melvin and Ellsworth, both of Manilla; four daughters, Marie Ann (Mrs Irmin) Reding of Manilla, Evelyn (Mrs Mel) Coenen of Bayard, Ella Marie (Mrs Robert) Nielsen of Omaha, Neb. and Jeanette (Mrs Ray) Chipman of Harlan;

35 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren; one sister, Clara (Mrs Ronald) Erwin of Denver, Colo.; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Michael's Catholic church on Saturday, July 18, 1981 with Rev. Richard G. Wagner as Celebrant and Rev. Robert Fangman as Concelebrant. Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery in Westphalia with Vernon Reding, Dennis Coenen, James Chipman, Mark Schechinger, Daniel Schechinger and Randal Schechinger serving as pallbearers.



Pauley Funeral Home handled the arrangements.