

SCHWARTZ, Joseph



## Joseph Schwartz

**Omaha** - There was a big retirement party at Safeway Stores of Joseph Schwartz when he retired in April, 1979. 16 men who had been working in the Safeway Stores went to work at their distribution plant, and he was the first to retire. His work as a meat cutter was the end of a career that began with helping his parents on their farm near Westphalia, where he was born May 10, 1914.

After graduating from the Westphalia high school, where he was in the marching band of Fr. Duren, he went to work at St. Francis Mission in So. Dak., during the time when his uncle, Fr. Martin Schiltz, S.J. was superior there. Later, both Fr. Schiltz and Joe went to Holy Rosary Indian Mission in

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Pine Ridge, So. Dak. Joe did various jobs there, including coaching of the Indian girls' basketball team and he taught the fourth grade in the Indian school.

He married Evelyn Mains on June 18, 1939 in St. Patrick's church in O'Neill, Nebr. In 1942 the family moved to Omaha. They were the parents of six children. Other survivors include 18 grandchildren. He was an international traveller and he and his wife enjoyed 25 years of square dancing. His life was devoted to his family and he had many, many friends throughout the country.