

Vince "Pat" Sonderman, 72

Portsmouth -- Vincent Lawrence Sonderman, son of August John and Elizabeth Kenkel Sonderman, was born Aug. 10, 1909 on a farm near Earling. He was baptized, received his First Communion and Confirmation at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling. He attended St. Joseph's Catholic church and after graduating from the eighth grade, helped on the family farm until moving to his own farm near Portsmouth in 1935.

On Feb. 1, 1938, he married Marita Schechinger at St. Mary's Catholic church in Portsmouth. Seven children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed on the same farm near Portsmouth for many years. After retiring in 1978, they continued to make their home on the farm.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church in Portsmouth as well as a member of the Knights of Columbus, Earling Council No. 1741 and the Director of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. in Westphalia. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital, Harlan, on Sunday, Sept. 20, 1981, at the age of 72 years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Janice; two brothers, John and Joseph and one sister, Barbara.

Survivors include his wife, Marita of Portsmouth; one son, Kenneth of La Habra, Calif.; five daughters, Maxine (Mrs Robert) Kenkel of Omaha, Donna (Mrs Jerry) Heckert of Alexandria, Minn., Beverly (Mrs Jim) Phillips of Altoona and Sandy and Linda Sonderman, both of Omaha; 14 grandchildren; two brothers, Alfred of Akron,

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Ohio and Albert of Earling; three sisters, Mathilda (Mrs Joe) Morfield of Panama, Lavine (Mrs Roman) Rosman of Earling and Margaret (Mrs Walt) Huebner of Fullerton, Calif.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic church in Portsmouth on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 1981 with the Rev. Vincent Rosonke as celebrant and the Rev. Don Bruck, Rev. Benedict Kenkel and Rev. Edward Kelly as concelebrants.

Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery with Julius Sonderman, Guyle Sonderman, Leo Sonderman, Jim Patterson, Robert Sonderman and Russell Morfeld as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, handled the arrangements.