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Sylvester Assman, 71 Jan. 30, 1924 - Aug. 16, 1995

Earling - Sylvester Joseph "Puppy" Assman, son of Ferdinand and (Frank) Assmann was born Jan. 30, 1924 on a farm near Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, and attended St. Joseph's School while growing to adulthood on the family farm.

April 8, 1947 he married Charlotte Shields at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap. Fourteen children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Earling. In 1989 they moved to their present home in Earling, but he continued to enjoy working at the farm. He died Aug. 16, 1995 at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 71 years, six months and 17 days. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Tony and Norbert 'Nub' Assmann and a sister, Marle Assmann. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte Assman of Earling; his children, Nancy (Thomas) Hooker of Fairport, NY; Ken (Gayle) Assman of Omaha; Cindy (Dr. R.D.) Harris of Harlan; Diana (Larry) Churchill of Ralston, NE; Sheila (Sam) Sonderman of Earling; Mark (Cathy) Assman of Earling; Steve (Jackie) Assman of Dunlap; Ann Zimmerman of Panama; Jim (Debbie) Assman of Barre, VT; Paul (Jody) Assman of Denison; Julie (Greg) Pollard of Missouri Valley; Charles (Jance) Assman of Canon City, CO; Brenda (Bryan) Blum of Templeton and Brad Assman and his fiance, Trisha Jurgens of Guthrie Center; 34 grandchildren and two great-grandsons. Also surviving are his brothers and sister, Lee (Bernadine) Ausman of Phoenix, A2; Joseph (Dorothy) Assman of Omaha; Jerry (Ollie) Assman of Arvada, CO and Carole (Dennis) Schaben of Highlands Ranch, CO and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 19, 1995 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Chuck Kottas celebrant. Concelebrating was Rev. Fred Reischl, Rev. Don Daleke, Rev. James Wilwerding, Rev. Paul Bianchi, Rev. Cornelius Gaul and Msgr. Gerald Stessman. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling with Brad Assman, Charles Assman, Paul Assman, Jim Assman, Steve Assman and Mark Assman casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.