

Edward Brinker, 89

Sept. 18, 1915 - July 29, 2005

HARLAN — Edward John Brinker, son of Edward John and Mary Bock Brinker, was born Sept. 18, 1915, on a farm northeast of Westphalia. He attended grade school at St. Boniface in Westphalia.

Edward married Cleta Hodapp Feb. 20, 1939, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. They moved to a farm near Westphalia after their marriage and were the parents of five children, Clarence, Sister Marilyn, CHM, Kenneth, Jane and Jo Ann. They remained on the farm until their retirement in 1977 when they moved into Harlan. He died July 29, 2005 at Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan at age 89 years, 10 months and 11 days.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Cleta, who died June 1, 2005; his brother and sisters, Gertrude, Cornelia, Hilda, Clara, Marie and Norbert. He is survived by his children: Clarence Brinker (Karen) of Harlan; Sister Marilyn Brinker, CHM of Bartlesville, OK; Ken Brinker (Lin) of Harlan; Jane (Bob) Toller of Zionsville, IN and JoAnn (Steve) Wright of Pueblo, CO; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; brother, Joseph Brinker (Ruth) of Springdale, AR; and a sister, Delores Blubaugh of Omaha, NE; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 1, 2005, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Rob Toller II, Kevin Brinker, Jim Hodapp, Bob Brinker, Mike Brinker, Cory Brinker, Lindsay Giannetto, and Jamie Giannetto casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

