



## Wilfred Coenen, 85

**WESTPHALIA** - Wilfred Joseph Coenen, the son of Martin and Regina (Zimmerman) Coenen was born Dec. 2, 1904, on a farm near Westphalia. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, and attended St. Boniface School.

June 18, 1929, he married Margaret Schwery at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. Six children were born to this union. After their marriage, he farmed in the Westphalia area until 1966, when they retired from farming and in 1969, they moved into their present

home in Westphalia. He died Feb. 19, 1990 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan at age 85 years, two months and 17 days.

In addition to being a lifetime member of St. Boniface Catholic Church, he was a member of Holy Name Society and was a former member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers, John, Emil, Henry, Joseph, Alfonse, Clem and Godfrey; three sisters, Sr. Mary Corsina and Johanna and a daughter-in-law, Barbara Coenen. Surviving him in addition to his wife, Margaret of Westphalia; are three sons, Ivo of Defiance; David of Co. Bluffs and Marvin Omaha, NE.; three daughters, Victoria (Larry) Schmitz and Gloria (Norman) Schmitz both of Westphalia and Twyla (Phillip) Grooms of Columbus, OH.; 33 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was concelebrated Feb. 22, 1990 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia with Rev. Paul Bianchi as the celebrant. Rev. Edward Kelly and Rev. Richard Gubbels concelebrated assisted by Deacon Pat Davitt. Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery with Ron Coenen, Todd Grooms, Alan Schmitz, Dale Schmitz, Lynn Schmitz, Kevin Coenen, Gene Schmitz, Bobby Coenen and Darrel Coenen as honorary casketbearers. Casketbearers were Brian Day, Kent Coenen, Gary Coenen, Glen Schmitz, Dean Schmitz and Randy Coenen. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.