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Vern Erlbacher, 75

ELGIN - La Verne "Vern" Herman Erlbacher, son of John and Rosa (Wilwerding) Erlbacher was born Feb. 16, 1915, at Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, and attended St. Joseph's School. After school he worked as a hired man for local farmers.

May 5, 1942, he entered the U.S. Army, serving his country during WW II as an automotive mechanic in France. After his honorable discharge Nov. 20, 1945, he returned to the Earling area. In 1947, he moved to Elgin, IL., where he worked as an engineer. From 1962 to 1978, he owned and operated Elgin Yellow Cab and Checker Cab Companies. He died Oct. 20, 1990, at Elgin, at age 75 years, eight months and four days. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post, and the Eagles and Moose Lodges, all in Elgin.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Molone. Surviving him are four brothers, Leonard and John, both of Earling; Jake of Harlan; and Elmer of Denver, CO.; four sisters, Marie (Merrill) Stolz and Irene (Vince) Kenkel, both of Harlan; Rita Briggs of Audubon; and Ella Mae Darnell of Elgin; a close friend Deloris Erlbacher, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 23, 1990, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Eugene Klein as the celebrant. Military rites were conducted at St. Joseph's cemetery by the Earling Post # 615 American Legion. Serving as casketbearers were Gene Stolz, Neil Kenkel, Ron Erlbacher, Dale Erlbacher, Allan Erlbacher, and Dean Erlbacher. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.