

Anton Esser, 82

WOODBINE— Anton (Tony) Esser, son of Herman and Kathryn Bissen Esser, was born Oct. 18, 1910 in Earling. He attended St. Joseph's school in Earling.

June 18, 1940 he married Leona Miller. Three children were born to this union: Tom, Marilyn & Michael. He assisted with the start of the farmers co-op of Dunlap and served as president and secretary of the board of directors at different times. He was a 4-H leader for several years. He farmed for 37 years at the same location until he retired in 1976 to Woodbine. He was Erne at Sacred Heart Church for 19 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Alex, Cletus & Ivo; sisters Virgie, Viola and Modesta and one great grandchild, Jared Kelm. Survivors are his wife Leona, brothers Sylvan of Omaha, Mark of Woodbine and Herman Jr. of Earling; sister Marcella Kaufman of Earling, sons Tom (Joyce) Esser of Ute, and Michael of LaCrosse, WI, daughter Marilyn (Ray) Prichard of Co. Bluffs, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sept. 14, 1993 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Woodbine with Rev. Jim Chiaro officiating. Burial was in the Woodbine cemetery. Casket bearers were his nephews & godson, Gene Esser, Bruce A. Esser, Tom Barry, David Esser, Charles Esser and Tom A. Reinig.