



Esther & Lawrence Gaul

Earling - Esther Emma Gaul, daughter of Bernard and Anna (Rosman) Hodapp was born Oct. 10, 1919 at Westphalia. Lawrence George Gaul, son of William and Catherine (Schechinger) Gaul was born July 26, 1911 at Earling. They died July 10, 1995 as the result of an automobile accident near Earling. She died at age 75 years and nine months and he died at age 83 years, 11 months and 14 days. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia and he at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling.

They were married June 19, 1941 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Six children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Earling for thirty five years. They retired from farming in 1975, but have continued to reside on the farm since that time. During retirement they enjoyed their family and grandchildren, traveling, quilting, fishing, card playing and socializing with friends. They were members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and she was also a 35 year member of Catholic Daughter of Americas, Court St. Katherine #266 of Earling. He was also a member of the Parish Council and had been a township board chairman. They were privileged to have celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary just last month.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Leo Hodapp. He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Lipharda Zimmerman, Suzanna Gaul and Marie Anderson and two brothers, Joseph and Al Gaul. They are survived by their children, Maxine (Ray) Book of Harlan; Gerald (Nancy) Gaul of Omaha; Bob (Joan) Gaul of Ames; Bill (Sharon) Gaul of Tucson, AZ; Mary (Richard) Huss and Donna

grandchildren and three great grandchildren. In addition she is survived by her sisters, Alice Hodapp of Storm Lake; Clea (Edward) Brinker of Harlan; Sister Marie Hodapp of Chariton; Rita (William) Mueller of Princeton, WI; Marge (Bernard) Kennedy of Storm Lake; and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Leo (Agnes) Hodapp of Westphalia. He is survived by his sisters and brothers, Odelia (Lavern) Foxhoven and Tony Gaul all of Earling; Pauline (Phil) McAndrews of Ute; Genevieve (Vernon) Scheuring of Defiance; Agnes (Eugene) Retz of Bellevue, NE and Ivo (Betty) Gaul of Earling and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Al (Sylvia) Gaul of Earling. They are also survived by nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 13, 1995 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Chuck Kottas, celebrant. Concelebrating was Msgr. Edward Kelly, Rev. Cornelius Gaul, Rev. Tom Crowley, Rev. Anthony Zimmerman, and Rev. Dan Petsche. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery with Jim Hodapp, Richard Hodapp, Dave Hodapp, Ken Brinker, John Kennedy and Clarence Brinker, casket bearers for Esther. Casket bearers for Lawrence were Neal Gaul, Larry I. Gaul, Dean Gaul, Jim Scheuring, Michael McAndrews and Gail Foxhoven. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.