

Gerald Gaul, 67

Aug. 7, 1925 — May 16, 1993

EARLING — Gerald Vitus Gaul, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Schechinger) Gaul was born Aug. 7, 1925, at Earling. He died May 16, 1993, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs, after a year long battle with cancer, at age 67 years, 9 months and 9 days. He was baptized at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling; and attended grade school and high school at St. Joseph's School, graduating in 1943.

June 18, 1947, he married Bernice Stessman at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. After their marriage, they farmed until 1956, when they moved their family to Longview, WA., where he was employed by Weyerhauer until 1958. The family then returned to Earling to the family farm. He purchased the J.C. Hermrick Implement Co., which he co-owned with his brother, Leo until 1977. At that time, he was instrumental with the organization, construction and maintenance of the Shelby County Golf Course. He served as greens keeper for twelve years before retiring. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Earling Council #1741.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Fr. Hilary W. Gaul; and an infant brother, Joseph. He is survived by his wife, Bernice of Earling; 7 children, Gloria (Jack) Kenkel of Earling; Tom (Carol) Gaul of McCausland; Alice (Dave) Snell of Harlan; Rick (Marietta) Gaul of Earling; Jeff (Mary) Gaul of Co. Bluffs; Janet (Phil) Blum of Earling;



Diane (Dave) Weis of Omaha; 21 grandchildren; 1 sister, Adelaide Croghan of Panama; 8 brothers, Isadore and Sylvester Gaul of Davenport; Ferdinand and Fr. Cornelius Gaul of Earling; Francis Gaul of Longview, WA.; Peter of Melbourne, FL.; Leo Gaul of Earling; and Charles Gaul of Holt, MO.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 19, 1993, at St. Joseph's Church, Earling, with Rev. Chuck Kottas, Rev. Cornelius Gaul, and Rev. Eugene Klein, concelebrants. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery. Casketbearers were Tim Gaul, Jarrod Gaul, Larry Gaul, Phil Croghan, Chris Gaul, and Paul Kenkel. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.