

## **Matthew "Matt" Graeve, 82**

**EARLING** - Matthew Henry Graeve, son of William and Margaret (Reilander) Graeve was born Aug. 6, 1907, on a farm north of Earling. He died April 20, 1990 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan at age 82 years, eight months and 14 days. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Earling and attended St. Joseph's School. After school, he helped on the family farm and also worked for a few years for Shelby county building county roads.

Oct. 27, 1936, he married Leona Lapke at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap. Four children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Earling and have resided on the same farm where he was born. After retiring from farming in 1975, they continued to live on the farm. He became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home on March 27, 1989, and this has been his home since then. Matt and Leona had been privileged to have celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary in Oct of last year. He was a lifetime member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Theresa; and a great-grandson, Adam Larrison. Surviving him is his wife, Leona of Earling; three daughters, Linda (Mrs Larry) Gross of Harlan; Janet Graeve of Dallas, TX., and Mary Lou (Mrs Robin) Peterson of Bloomington, MN.; a son, Dean of Lytton; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a sister, Susan (Mrs Henry) Kohles of Denison and a brother, Chris of Earling; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 23, 1990 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Earling with Rev. Chuck Kottas as the celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph cemetery with Lee Gross, Mel Graeve, Lance Gross, Bernard Lapke, Francis Graeve, and Leonard Graeve serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.