



Mike J. Gross, 85

HARLAN — Michael Jacob Gross, son of Joseph P. and Mary (Engel) Gross was born on May 1, 1902 at Westphalia. He was baptized, received his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling. He attended country school near Earling and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm.

On Jan. 20, 1931, he married Cecelia Klein at St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan. Six children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed

south of Earling until 1937. Then they moved to a farm southeast of Defiance. In 1952, they moved three miles north of Harlan. In 1971, he retired from farming and they moved into Harlan. He died July 18, 1987 at Myrtue Memorial hospital at age 85 years, two months and 17 days.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic church, a 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Harlan Council No., 3900 and a 4th Degree member of the Luke E. Hart General Assembly of Defiance.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons, Jack and Larry; a great grandson, Adam Larrison; three brothers, Andrew, Leonard and Werner; and two sisters, Clara and Annie. He is survived by his wife, Cecelia of Harlan; one daughter, Janice (Mrs Owen) Langenfeld of Harlan; three sons, Gerald of Irwin; Ronald of Defiance and Michael of Harlan; 24 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; five brothers, Norbert of Defiance; Emil of Earling; Alban of Earling; Marcus of Defiance and Charles of Temple City, CA; one sister, Gertrude (Mrs Matt) Coenen of Des Moines; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 22, 1987 at St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan with Rev. David Polich as the celebrant and Rev. Dan Petsche, Rev. Eugene Klein, Rev. Gerald Stessman, Rev. Wayne Gubbels, Rev. Garry Culver, Rev. Lawrence Beeson and Rev. Kenneth Gross serving as concelebrants. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Jeff Gross, Tony Gross, Leonard Gross, Phil Langenfeld, Gene Langenfeld and Larry Dean Gross serving as casketbearers and Lee Gross, Paul Gross, Lynn Gross, Dean Gross, Scott Gross, Elizabeth Gross and Glen Langenfeld serving as honorary casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.