

## Roman Gaul, 87

*July 6, 1919 - Oct. 19, 2006*

**EARLING** — Roman Anthony Gaul, son of John and Odelia (Schnuettgen) Gaul, was born July 6, 1919, on the same family farm near Earling that his mother was born. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and remained a member there his entire life. He attended school at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling. After his schooling, Roman joined the service and fought overseas in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

After his honorable discharge from the United States Army, Roman married Mildred Rau Oct. 5, 1948, and began their grain, hog and dairy farming career. Eleven children were born to Roman and Mildred, Carla, Mike, Gerarda, Mark, Don, Joe, Ann, Mary, Gina, Karen and Michele. Together they raised their children on the family farm where two of the sons remained to farm with their father. Even after his retirement in 1987, Roman continued to help on the family farm at planting and harvest time. He moved to Little Flower Haven in 2003. He died Oct. 19, 2006, at Myrtue Medical Center at age 87 years, three months, and 13 days.

In addition to his parents, Roman was preceded in death by his daughter, Gerarda; his grandchildren, Angela May Tepe and Glenn Joseph Gaul; and his brother, Cyril. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mildred Gaul of Earling; his children, Carla Gaul of Omaha; Mike Gaul of Earling; Mark Gaul (Patricia) of League City, TX; Don Gaul (Mary) of Earling; Joe Gaul (Mallory) of Earlham; Ann Gaul of Omaha; Mary (Christopher) Tepe of Elkridge, MD; Gina Gaul of Lincoln, NE; Karen Gaul of Des Moines; and Michele Gaul of Omaha; his grandchildren, Justine, Naomi, Veronica and Glenn Gaul and Marielle and Jonathan Tepe; his brothers and sisters, Valerie (Barney) Zimmerman of Westphalia; Marian Marshall of Omaha; Collette Butterfield of Seattle, WA; Vern Gaul (Betty) of Earling; Dewie Gaul (Mavis) of Sioux City; John Gaul (Ann) of Omaha; and Angie Gaul

