

News-Advertiser, Friday, January, 22, 1999

Elmer W. Graeve, 83

Nov. 17, 1915 - Dec. 8, 1998

PERSIA - Elmer William Graeve, son of Otto J. and Anna (Muenchrath) Graeve, was born Nov. 17, 1915 at Persia and was one of 11 children. He attended St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling and was a lifetime member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He was a farmer near Earling, retiring in 1960. His father died Sept. 17, 1958 and Elmer cared for his mother until her death Jan. 3, 1985. July 14, 1987 he became a resident of Little Flower Haven which has continued to be his home for the past 12 years. He entered Myrtue Memorial Hospital Nov. 6, 1998 and this is where he died Dec. 8, 1998 at age 83 years and 21 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Lawrence. Survivors include his brothers and sisters, Francis Graeve (Marie) of Earling, Sr. Mary Roland of Milwaukee, WI, Betty Bunn of Los Angeles, CA, Delbert Graeve (Mary) of Harlan, Joseph Graeve (Elaine) of Des Moines, Fred Graeve (Marge) of Denver, CO, Eugene Graeve (Ginette) of Omaha, Luella (Vic) Musche of Milwaukee, WI, and Dorothy (Joe) Assman of Omaha, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 11, 1998 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling with Don Graeve, Terry Assman, Dale Graeve, Chuck Graeve, Dave Graeve and Allan Graeve casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.