

## Leo "Pete" Gross, 83 ✓

*Nov. 12, 1921 - July 14, 2005*

**EARLING** — Leo "Pete" Frank Gross, son of Joseph and Josephine Blum Gross, was born Nov. 12, 1921, at Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and attended school at Earling.

Jan. 15, 1945, Leo married Ruth Feser at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. Six children were born to this union, Lorraine, Allen, Darrell, Pat, Gaylord and Joanne. After their marriage, they farmed near Earling for 44 years. Leo was a lifetime member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and a member of the Earling Council No. 1741 Knights of Columbus for over 50 years. He was a former member of the Earl Russell Orchestra. He died July 14, 2005, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 83 years, eight months and two days.

In addition to his parents and wife, Leo was preceded in death by his brothers, Alfons, Bob and Bernard. Survivors include his children, Lorraine (John) Lusero of Kansas City, MO; Allen Gross (Diane) of Mayetta, KS; Darrell Gross of Earling; Pat (Gene) Leuschen of Panama; Gaylord Gross (Gail) of Earling; Joanne (Frank) Oppold of Dunlap; 19 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; his brothers, Eugene Gross (Sharon) of Battle Creek; Jerry Gross (Sharon) of Earling; Vern Gross (Ginger) of Palmdale, CA; sisters: Leona (Elmer) Babel of Columbus, NE; Helen (Marvin) Bissen of Harlan; Dorothy (Henry) Coenan of Woodbine; Marie (Charlie) Klein of Earling and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held July 18, 2005, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling concelebrated by Rev. Tom Coenen and Rev. Michael Berner. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery with Chris Gross, Bobby Leuschen, Alex Gross, Ryan Oppold, Joseph Leuschen and Jeff Lusero casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

