

Melvin P. Gross, 58

Nov. 19, 1939 - Jan. 5, 1998

EARLING - Melvin Paul Gross, son of William Frank and Loretta (Freund) Gross, was born Nov. 19, 1939, at Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, where he was a lifetime member. He attended St. Joseph's Grade School and St. Joseph's High School graduating in 1957.

Nov. 16, 1968, he married Constance Kathryn Clark at St. Robert Bellermine Catholic Church in Omaha. To this union three children were born. They farmed near Earling, and the last three years he worked construction. Jan. 5, 1998, he died at his home at age 58 years, one month and 16 days.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Frank Gross, Oct. 13, 1980. Survivors include his wife, Connie of Earling; his children, Stacen Gross (Molly) of Bellevue, NE; Stephen Gross of Earling and Annessa Gross of Ames; two grandchildren, Tyler and Evan Gross; his mother, Loretta Gross of Audubon; his sister, Delores (Leonard) Sextro of Manning; his brothers, Donald Gross of Bellevue, NE; Bernard Gross (Marlene) of Cedar Rapids; Francis Gross (Diane) of Omaha, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 8, 1998, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant, assisted by Deacon Bob Sullivan. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery with Jerome Mumm, Dean Erlbacher and Jim Freund honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Tim Gross, Tim Erlbacher, Don Graeve, Phil Graeve, Rusty Buckley and Phil Freund. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.