



William J. Kenkel, 82

PANAMA — William John Kenkel, son of Anton and Catherine (Jacoby) Kenkel was born on a farm near Earling on Dec. 26, 1904. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on May 12, 1987 at age 82 years, 4 months and 16 days. He was bap-

tized, received his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling. He attended school in Earling and grew to adulthood on his parents farm.

On Feb. 14, 1933, he married Anna Wingert at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama. Eight children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in the Panama area until retiring in July of 1975 and moving into Panama. After the death of Anna on March 24, 1980, he continued to live at his home in Panama until Nov. of 1986, when he became a resident of the Little Flower Haven in Earling. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Toni Marie Kenkel and a sister, Mary Reinig. He is survived by six sons, Fr. Leonard Kenkel of West Des Moines; Michael Kenkel of Chicago, IL.; and Sylvan, David, Damian and Eugene Kenkel all of Panama; two daughters, Lauretta Kenkel of Knoxville and Sr. Sylvia Kenkel of Atchison, KS.; 19 grandchildren; five brothers, Joe Hubert, Al and Alfred Kenkel all of Earling; and Vince Kenkel of Harlan; one sister, Lucy Ratuerkus of Earling; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 15, 1987 at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama with his son, Rev. Leonard Kenkel as celebrant, assisted by Deacon Pat Davitt and concelebrants, Rev. LaVern Wingert, Rev. Benedict Kenkel and many priests of the Des Moines Diocese. Rev. Lawrence Beeson as the Homolist and Rev. LaVern