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Louis J. Koch, 62

March 28, 1929 — May 9, 1991

EARLING — Louis Joseph Koch, son of Leo and Pauline (Schulte) Koch, was born March 28, 1929, at Panama. He died at Immanuel Medical Center in Omaha, NE., May 9, 1991, at age 62 years, 1 month, and 11 days. He was baptized, received his First Communion and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church at Panama. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School and graduated in 1947. March 22, 1951, he was inducted into the U.S. Army at Omaha, NE. He served his country overseas in Korea during the Korean Conflict.

June 17, 1952, he married Ruth Langenfeld at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. After his honorable discharge Dec. 21, 1952, he returned to Earling to make his home with Ruth, where they raised their five daughters. He worked for the Earling Telephone Company until 1964, when he became the District Sales Manager for the Moorman Feed Company in the local 5 county area. He continued at this position until July of 1989, when he was unable to continue due to his health. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus, Earling Council No. 1741, and American Legion Post No. 615 of Earling.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Natalia. He is survived by his wife, Ruth of Earling; five daughters, Linda (Mrs Clay) Brandenburg of Omaha; Paula (Mrs Mike) Riester of Dunlap; Laura Koch, Myrna Koch, and Gayla Koch, all of Omaha; three grandchildren; two sisters, Madonna (Mrs Bernard) Feldman; and Mary (Mrs LeRoy) Lampe, both of Omaha; six brothers, Linus Koch of Portsmouth; Charles Koch and Rev. Eugene Koch, both of Des Moines; Rev. Paul Koch of Santa Cruz, Bolivia; Walter Koch of Co. Bluffs; and Richard Koch of Sioux Falls, S.D., nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated May 13, 1991, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Eugene Koch, Rev. Paul Koch, Rev. Chuck Kottas, and Rev. Fred Reischl, concelebrating. Rev. Eugene Koch served as the Homilist. The priests of the Des Moines Diocese served as concelebrating priests. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery with Ted Bosworth, Craig Weis, Francis Klein, Tim Graeve, Wayne Bonham, Alfred Leinen, Clifford Wilson, and Edward Logan, casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.