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## Richard A. -rd Koesters, 82

Aug. 12, 1909 - Feb. 17, 1992 EARLING - Richard Adrian Koesters, son of Robert and Theresa (Schneider) Koesters was born Aug. 12, 1909, on a farm near Earling. He died Feb. 17, 1992, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 82 years, six months and five days. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, and attended St. Joseph's School, growing to adulthood on his parent's farm.

Nov. 17, 1954, he married Regina Stinn at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, Six children were born to this union. They farmed near Earling, and later served the city and rural area with a spectic tank truck. He retired from farming in 1975, and they have continued to make their home in Earling since that time. In addition to being a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Earling Council #1741.

Preceding him in death are his parents; a son, Dan; and a daughter, Lori; two sisters, Nettie Koesters and Gabriella Weis; and two brothers, Frank and Art Koesters. Surviving is his wife, Regina of Earling; 3 sons, Dick



(Deb) Koesters of Omaha, NE.; Jay (Lisa) Koesters of Salt Lake City, UT.: and Scot and his friend Jolie of Omaha, NE.; a daughter, Judi (Jeff) Blum of Ankeny; four grandchildren; two sisters, Valeria Erlbacher and Betty Blum, both of Earling; two brothers, Norbert and Louis Koesters, both of Earling; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Feb. 19, 1992 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Chuck Kottas celebrant. Concelebrating was Rev Cornelius Gaul and Rev. Wayne Gubbels. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery with Zeno Blum, Dick Klein, Owen Heese, Leroy Grote, Gene Sibenaller, and Silverius Munchrath casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.