

## **William J. Koster, 75**

**HARLAN** – William Joseph Koster, the son of William, Sr. and Matilda, was born Dec. 23, 1912 at Breda. He died at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, Dec. 12, 1988, just 11 days before his 76th birthday.

He was baptized, received his First Communion, and was confirmed at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda. He attended and grew to adulthood at Breda. Feb. 6, 1935, he married Loretta Woerdehoff at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda. Seven children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in Carroll, Emmet and Shelby counties until 1977 when they retired at Harlan. He was a long-time member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Doyle. He is survived by his wife, Loretta of Harlan; three sons, Robert of Gretna, NE; Kenneth of St. Petersburg, FL and Dean of Harlan; four daughters, MaDonna (Mrs Jim) Gorackowski of Omaha, NE; Yvonne (Mrs Sylvan) Klein, Elizabeth (Mrs Charles) Leuck and Joyce (Mrs Marvin) Thraen all of Harlan; five brothers, Walter, Donald and Leroy of Breda; Kermit of Lake View; and Roger of Elkader; three sisters, Velma (Mrs Robert) Blum of Harlan; Maxine (Mrs Marvin) Heinrichs of Fulda, MN and Ruth (Mrs Cletus) Heinrichs of Marshalltown, 26 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 15, 1988 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Harlan with Rev. David Polich as the celebrant. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Jacob Koster, James Thraen, William Koster, Douglas Koster, Jeffrey Koster, Mark Gorackowski, Scott Gorackowski and Daniel Gorackowski serving as honorary casket bearers. Serving as casket bearers were Bob Klein, Bryan Koster, Russell Leuck, Michael Thraen, Martin Koster, Matthew Koster and Steve Gorackowski. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.