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Leo Klein, 96

July 8, 1907 - March 12, 2004

HARLAN – Leo Joseph Klein, the son of George and Katherine Musich Klein, was born on a farm near Earling, July 8, 1907. He was baptized at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. He attended country school in Portsmouth until the eighth grade.

Leo married Lucine Kramer Jan. 26, 1932, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. To this union eight children were born. He farmed in the Shelby and Harrison County areas. In 1980, he retired from farming and in 1982, they moved and made their home in Harlan. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church of Harlan, and a member of the Knights of Columbus Harlan Council Number 3900. He died March 12, 2004, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 96 years, eight months and four days.

In addition to his parents, Leo is preceded in death by his brothers, Alfons, Raymond, Harold, Lavern, an infant twin brother, Alfred; and two granddaughters, Debbie Kock and Janet Klein. Survivors include his wife, Lucine of Harlan; his children, Margaret Mary (Charles) Kock of Avoca; Delbert Klein (Leona) of Westphalia; Alice (Leo) Kloewer of Harlan; Kenneth Klein (Mary) of Omaha, NE; Sylvan Klein (Bonnie) of Harlan; Rita (Gail) Hatcher of Omaha, NE; Gary Klein (Mary) of Memphis, TN; Kathy Feldman of Omaha, NE; 24 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; his sisters, Elva Graeve of Earling and Maurice Lehan of Dunlap; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 15, 2004, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Bill Shannon, Christine Kluver, Virgil Koppold, Mike Schmidt, Leonard Graeve and Kenneth Kuster honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Todd Scott, Mark Feldman, Bob Klein, Kevin Hatcher, Mike Kloewer, Dean Kock, Jason Klein and Dale Klein. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.