

Otto Klein, 82

Aug. 3, 1921 - Nov. 8, 2003

PANAMA – Otto Joseph Klein, the son of Joseph and Anna Kwapiszeski Klein, was born Aug. 3, 1921, in Panama. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Otto attended country school, St. Mary's Grade School and graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1938.

Otto married Margaret Mary Kramer at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, May 3, 1949. They were the parents of seven children, JoAnn, Irene, Larry, Edna, Leona, Dean and David. Otto was a lifetime farmer and also worked as a Lynks seed corn salesman. Otto retired from farming in 1990 and remained on the family farm. He was a lifelong member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama and a member of the Commander's Club. He died Nov. 8, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 82 years, three months and five days.

His parents and his brother, Rev. Eugene, and his sister-in-law, Veronica, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Margaret of Panama; his children, JoAnn (Gary) Kenkel of Harlan; Irene (Rex) Buckley of Harlan; Larry Klein of Earling; Edna (Mike) Keenan of Storm Lake; Leona (Ed) Grace of Omaha, NE; Dean Klein (Connie) of Panama; and David Klein (Sara) of Omaha, NE; 14 grandchildren; brother, Leonard Klein of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Nov. 14, 2003, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, with Msgr. Gerald Stessman celebrant and Msgr. Robert J. Chamberlain concelebrant and Rev. Michael G. Peters as the homilist. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama, with Trisha Lloyd, Helen Buckley, Beth Buckley, Sherry Keenan, Kelly Keenan, Holly Keenan, Katie Grace, Doug Grace, Megan Klein, Tyler Klein and Noah Klein honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Donald Kenkel, Dewayne Kenkel, Troy Buckley, Kevin Buckley, Bryan Lloyd and Dan Grace. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

