

## Louis Koesters, 93

April 20, 1913 - April 18, 2007

**EARLING** - Louis Casper Koesters was born April 20, 1913, to Robert and Theresa (Schneider) Koesters in Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling where he also attended St. Joseph's Catholic School. He then began helping his father on the farm which led to his own farming career.

Louis married Josephine Mueller Feb. 20, 1941, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Ten children were born to this union: Phillip, Julie, Robert, June, Norene, John, Mitzi, Luke, Mark, and Matthew. They farmed outside of Westphalia until 1946 when they moved to a farm outside of Earling. This is where Louis and Josephine raised their family and farmed. Louis also did custom corn shelling for area farmers for several years. Louis retired in 1979 when his son John took over. He and his wife stayed on the farm until 1999 when they moved into Earling after purchasing his sister's house. Louis was a man of great faith and was very involved at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, where he was a lifetime member. He was also an Honorary Life Member of the Earling Knights of Columbus Council No. 1741, having been a member for sixty-nine years. After Josephine's death in 2003, Louis moved to Harlan and became a resident at Elm Crest Assisted Living. He died at the health care unit April 18, 2007, at age ninety-three years, eleven months, and twenty-nine days.

Louis was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Theresa Koesters, his wife Josephine who died exactly four years prior, and his brothers and sisters: Valeria, Richard, Art, Nettie, Norbert, Frank, Betty, Gabriella, and two grandchildren Greg, and Jackie Klein. He is survived by his children: Phil Koesters (Jolene) of Harlan, Julie (Dick) Klein of Earling, Robert Koesters (JoAnn) of Earling, June (Greg) Schmidt of Omaha, NE, Norene (Robert) Schechinger of Panama, John Koesters of Earling, Mitzi (Al) LeClair, Luke Koesters (Debbie), Mark Koesters (Adrian), all of Omaha, and Matthew Koesters (Rose) of Earling; forty-one grandchildren; fifty-two great-grandchildren and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held April 21, 2007, with Rev. Tom Coenen celebrating in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Casket bearers were Phil Koesters, Robert Koesters, John Koesters, Luke Koesters, Mark Koesters, and Matthew Koesters. Burial was held at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

