

## Alfons W. Kramer, 77

April 21, 1921 - June 13, 1998 ✓

**EARLING** - Alfons "Mike" William Kramer, son of Joseph and Eleanor (Assman) Kramer, was born April 21, 1921, at Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and attended school also in Earling.

March 30, 1948, he married Madonna Koesters at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Seven children were born to this union, Carol, Connie, Rick, Kathy, Sandy, Deb and Lori. After their marriage, they farmed near Dunlap. In 1968, he took over as city engineer in Earling, which he retired from in 1985. He was a lifetime member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1741. He died June 13, 1998, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 77 years, one month and 22 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in by a grandson, Jason Cairney, and two brothers, Joseph and Albert. Survivors include his wife, Madonna Kramer of Earling; his children, Carol (Ed) Leinen of Harlan; Connie Kramer of Omaha; Rick (Peg) Kramer of Harlan; Kathy Kramer of Omaha; Sandy (Lee) Ring of Co. Bluffs; Deb (Larry) Heller of Dunlap; Lori (Tom) Svagera of Omaha; 13 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; his brothers and sisters, Marie Freund of Harlan; Margaret (Otto) Klein of Panama; Leonard (Anna Mae) Kramer of Harlan; Leo (Marj) Kramer of Omaha; Bob (Marge) Kramer of Harlan; sister-in-law, Delores Kramer of Algona, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated June 16, 1998, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant, Msgr. Gerald Stessman, Rev. Eugene Klein and Rev. Michael Peters concelebrating. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling, with Lee Ring, Ed Leinen, Larry Heller, Rick Kramer, Tom Svagera, Tony Kramer and Nathan Kramer honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Joe Kramer, Paul Kramer, Jim Kramer, James Koesters, Larry Klein, Larry Koesters, Dean Schwery and Gerry Pauley. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.