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## Leonard Kramer, 78

Feb. 21, 1930 - Dec. 6, 2008

**HARLAN** — Leonard Francis Kramer was born on February 21, 1930 on the family farm near Earling, IA, to Joseph and Eleanor (Assmann) Kramer. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and attended St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling, graduating with the Class of 1948. After completing high school, he began farming with his brother Joseph (Jack) near Earling.



September 13, 1950, he was united in marriage to Marie Bissen at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Four children were born to this union: Joe, Leonard, Karen, and Ron. In 1976, he ended his farming career and became the owner of the Circle K Bar in Earling. He operated that bar until 1983 when he went to work at The Turf Lounge in Omaha, NE with his brother Leo.

Leonard was married to Anna Mae Hansen on July 9, 1988, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, IA. He remained a member of St. Michael's. He loved growing up on the farm and especially enjoyed animals. He liked to watch horse racing and playing cards. His favorite games were Pitch and 500. He was a great bartender and made many friends over the years. Leonard became a member of Little Flower Haven in Earling in February of 2004. He died at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan on Saturday, December 6, 2008, having attained the age of seventy-eight years, nine months, and fifteen days.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents, his grandson Joseph, Jr., brothers and sisters: Joseph, Albert, Marie, and Alphons "Mike". He is survived by his wife Anna Kramer of Harlan, IA; his children: Joe Kramer and his wife Janice of Westphalia, IA, Leonard Kramer and his wife Joyce of Surprise, AZ, Karen and her husband Frank "Rocket" Herning of Harlan, Ron Kramer and his wife LuAnn of Earling; his step-son David Hansen and his wife Denise of Harlan; eleven grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters: Margaret Klein of Harlan, Leo Kramer and his wife Marjorie of Omaha, NE, and Robert Kramer and his wife Marjorie of Harlan; other family members and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, with Rev. Tom Coenen leading the 11:00 AM service at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Celebrant was Msgr. Gerry Stessman. Homilist

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was Rev. Mr. Pat Davitt. Casket bearers were Michael Kramer, Dan Schumacher, Joey Hansen, Kent Bushnell, Jeff Garrison, and Larry Klein with interment held at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling.

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