

Marcus Kramer, 76

Feb. 11, 1931 - Nov. 2, 2007

EARLING - Marcus Aloysius Kramer was born Feb. 11, 1931, to Carl and Marie (Feldman) Kramer, in Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. He received his schooling at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling and graduated with the Class of 1949. After graduation, Mark worked for area farmers as a hired man. March 16, 1953, he was drafted into the United States Army and served during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged from active duty Dec. 29, 1954, and remained in the Army Reserves.



Mark married Mary Ann Fuhs Feb. 15, 1955, six weeks after his return from the service. Six children were born to this union: Dennis, Jolene, Joan, Dave, Judy, and Doug. The family lived and farmed in the Portsmouth, Irwin and Manilla areas, before settling back on the Kramer family farm in Earling in 1966. He and Bernie Leinen, along with their sons, operated a siding business over the years. He was a Fourth Degree past Grand Knight with the Earling Council No. 1741 of the Knights of Columbus. He served on the St. Joseph's school board, Earling city council, Earling Development Corporation, St. Joseph's parish board, and as a past Commander of the American Legion Post No. 615 of Earling. He died Nov. 2, 2007, at Myrtue Medical Center at age 76 years, eight months, and 22 days.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Dennis; and his brother, Norman. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary Ann Kramer of Earling; his children, Jolene (Jim) Davis of Harlan; Joan (Danny) Travis of Harlan; Dave Kramer (Lois) of Earling; Judy (Mike) Evers of Earling; and Doug Kramer (Stef) of Earling; 12 grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Ralph Kramer (Eula) of Portsmouth; Mildred (Nick) Heese of Earling; Helen (Bernard) Leinen of Harlan; Alma (Rich) Leinen of Portsmouth; Stella Lefebber of Portsmouth; Jeanette Kramer of Harlan; Marie (Don) Pemberton of Kansas; and Irene Lefebber of Portsmouth; nieces and nephews; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Nov. 5, 2007, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Tom Coenen celebrant and Rev. Bob Hoefler concelebrant. Honorary casket bearers were Ralph Kramer, Don Pemberton, Bernard Leinen, Richard Leinen, and Nick Heese. Casket bearers were Jim Davis, Danny Travis, Mike Evers, Randy Leinen, Tom Lefebber, Ron Heese, and Danny Pemberton. Military rites were held at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.