



Leo Peter Pauley, 90

Sept. 11, 1904 - Aug. 24, 1995

Panama- Leo Peter Pauley, the oldest of eleven children was born Sept. 11, 1904 to Hobert and Anna (Mickels) Pauley west of Panama. He was baptized in and received his First Communion at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia.

May 15, 1928 he married Louise Mary Schmitz at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. They became the parents of nine children. After their marriage, they made their home in the Defiance, Portsmouth and Panama areas. In 1942 they moved into Panama where he became the janitor of St. Mary's Catholic Church and School. After an accident in 1956 that left her an invalid, he devoted his time caring for her in their home until 1983 when she became a resident of Little Flower Haven. After her death Oct. 12, 1988, he continued to reside in Panama until Oct. 18, 1993, when he became a resident of the Rose Vista Home in Woodbine. This has been his home since that time. During his life time he was employed as a trucker, a carpenter, tavern owner and railroad cook. He got his nickname "Mose" because of his meat wagon delivery truck. He died Aug. 24, 1995 at the Community Memorial

Hospital in Missouri Valley at age ninety years, eleven months and thirteen days. Leo was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by an infant son, Walter Feb. 5, 1993; a son, Gerald, age thirteen who drowned near Panama July 6, 1947 and an infant daughter, Thelma Dec. 21, 1938. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Walter in 1916, Fred in 1981 and Albert in 1994, Sylvester "Bud" Weis in 1986, Msgr. Peter Schmitz in 1992 and Joe Schmitz in 1994; grandchildren, Roxann Wendt in 1956, Anthony Wendt in 1960, Mary Ann Wendt in 1966, Margaret Wendt in 1967 and Dr. Richard Wendt in 1992 and Larry Wilke in 1987 as well as great grandchildren, Christopher Wendt in 1975 and LaVonne Wendt in 1973. He is survived by his children, Lucille (Charles) Wendt of Logan; Bernadine (Charles) Hayes of Portsmouth; Alfred (Delores) Pauley of Panama; Mary Ella (Gary) Wilke of Persia; Janice (Gerald) Waltz of Portsmouth; Kenneth (Eileen) Pauley of Panama and a foster son, Leo Burns of Dubuque; 64 grandchildren, 74 great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren; his brothers and sisters, Zeno Pauley and Ralph (Veronica) Pauley of Woodbine; Andrew (Grace) Pauley of Panama; Marcella Schmitz of Harlan; Mary Ann Weis of Woodbine and his sisters-in-law, Vera Pauley of Portsmouth and Cyrilla Pauley of Earling; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 26, 1995 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama with Rev. Don Dafeke Celebrant and Rev. Paul Bianchi Homilist. Concelebrating were Msgr. Edward Kelly and Rev. Leonard Kenkel. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Panama with Jerry Pauley, Chuckie Wendt, III, Paul Waltz, Bruce Pauley, Gene Croghan and Norman Schmitz honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Daniel Hayes, Patrick Wendt, Scott Pauley, Dennis Wilke, Tim Waltz and Darren Pauley. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.