

Charles Patten, 71

Aug. 1, 1930 - May 4, 2002

EARLING - Charles Michael Patten was born to Anna (Koesters) and Henry Patten Aug. 1, 1930, at Westphalia. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church and attended school in Westphalia. Jan. 22, 1952, he entered the United States Army. He was honorably discharged from the Korean Conflict Oct. 23, 1953. Following his military service, he returned to Shelby County, where he farmed until his death. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. He died May 4, 2002, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 71 years, nine months and four days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Anthony, Alfred and Francis, and his sisters, Marie Goeser and Rita Burger. He is survived by his sisters, Helen (Clyde) Clark of Harlan and Mathilda Schram of Santa Barbara, CA; 34 nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 10, 2002, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with the Rev. Michael Berner officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling, with his nephews casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.