

Henry A. Thraen, 78

Earling — Henry Alois Thraen, son of Henry and Mary Stolz Thraen, was born on a farm near Westphalia, Dec. 22, 1902. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface church in Westphalia. At age 11 he moved with his parents to Osmond, Neb., where he lived for about five years. He then moved back to Shelby county near Portsmouth.

He married Mary Katzer on Nov. 24, 1931 at St. Michael's church in Harlan. Two children were born to this union. He was a member of the Earling Council No. 1741 Knights of Columbus and also a member of the St. Joseph's church in Earling.

After Henry was married, he continued to live near Portsmouth until he moved in 1940 to a farm south of Earling. In 1972 Henry retired, and moved to Earling. This was his home ever since. He died at Mercy hospital on Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1980, at age 78 years and two days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and also his brother Andrew and two sisters, Eleanor and Amelia. Survivors include his wife, Mary; one son Mark of Earling and one daughter, Mary Ann (Mrs Mike) Assmann of Earling; his two brothers, Alfred of Fremont, Neb., and Ralph of Murray Hill, N.J.; and six sisters, Josephine (Mrs Frank) Schleimer of Harlan, Magdaline (Mrs Owen) Talley of Chandler, Okla., Clara (Mrs Everett) Inman of Atlantic, Irene (Mrs Gaillard) Tank of Columbus, Neb., Mary (Mrs Paul) Rytenke of Racine, Wisc., and Evelyn (Mrs Ray) Kenkel of

Co. Bluffs, 13 grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's church in Earling on Saturday, Dec. 27, 1980 with Rev. Jon Kautzky as celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's church with LeRoy Heese, Thomas Assmann, Norman Kenkel, William Assmann, Howard Thraen and Raymond Schleimer serving as pallbearers.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan.