



Leander Zimmerman, 62

WESTPHALIA - Leander "Lee" Zimmerman, son of Frank and Cecilia (Schiltz) Zimmerman was born on a farm east of Westphalia on Nov. 1, 1925. He died in his farm home north of Harlan on June 22, 1988 at age 62 years, seven months and 21 days. He was baptized, received his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, attended St. Boniface School and grew to adulthood on the family farm. After school, he farmed with his father. On Dec. 15, 1950, he entered the U.S. Army, serving his country during the Korean War with the 82nd Ord Heavy Maint. Co. After his honorable discharge on Dec. 18, 1952, he returned to the Westphalia area to resume farming.

On Feb. 25, 1954, he married Mary Jean Schechinger at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Six children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed north of Harlan until March of

1988, when he retired due to ill health. He was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia; Luke E. Hart General Assembly 4th Degree Knights of Columbus; Chalice Club; and American Legion, Post # 707 all of Defiance.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Francis; and two sisters, Irene and Thelma. Surviving him are his wife, Mary Jean of Harlan; two sons, Curt of Harlan; and Gene of Kirkman; four daughters, Julie (Mrs Norman) Fandel of Rockwell City; Mary Zimmerman of Valley, NE; Jane (Mrs Lee) Esbeck of Elk Horn and Nancy Zimmerman of Des Moines; six grandchildren; four sisters, Cecile (Mrs Dick) Cairney of Lone Tree; Marie Carlson of Omaha, NE; Theresa (Mrs Cyril) Gubbels of Co. Bluffs; and Marge Kowalcyke of Pierre, SD; six brothers, Vince of Omaha; Rev. Gene of Milwaukee, WI; Bro. Michael, S.J. of Holy Rosary Mission, SD; Don of Sigourney and Jerry and Joseph of Minden; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 24, 1988 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia with Rev. Gene Zimmerman as celebrant, Rev. Bob Flavin S.J., Rev. Mark Niemann S.J., Rev. Bob Leiwicke S.J., Msgr. Michael Schwarte, Rev. Bud Grant, Rev. Larry Beeson, Rev. Gene Klein and Rev. Cornelius Gaul concelebrated assisted by Deacon Pat Davitt. Serving as honorary casket bearers were Urban Schneider and Denny Finken, John Wageman, Charles Wageman, Hugh Mortensen, Irvin Heller and Mick Allen served as casket bearers. The Defiance American Legion, Post # 707 conducted military services following the funeral Mass. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.