

Lawrence Dresen, 71

April 25, 1933 - Jan. 4, 2005

EARLING — Lawrence Matthew Dresen, son of Chris and Irene Miller Dresen was born April 25, 1933 in Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and then attended school at St. Joseph's, graduating with the class of 1951. While in school Larry played baseball and basketball. After high school he played professional baseball as a pitcher with the Cleveland Indians Minor League in Fayetteville, NC, Reading, PA and Mobile, AL. May 18, 1954, he was inducted into the United States Army and served during the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged Feb. 20, 1956. While in the Army, he met Lois Jean Brown, who was employed at the Indiantown Gap Military Reservation in Pennsylvania.

Larry married Lois at Schuylkill Haven, PA, Nov. 26, 1955 and they became the parents of four children, LuAnn, Ronald, Linda and Roger. After his time in the service, Larry and Lois came back to Earling to make their home where he was employed for Squealer Feed in Harlan. He also owned and operated his own business, simply named, Larry's Place, retiring in 1987. Currently, he was employed at Farmers Trust and Savings Bank in Earling as a custodian. He died peacefully at his home Jan. 4, 2005, with his wife of 49 years by his side, at age 71 years, eight months and nine days.

In addition to his parents, Larry is preceded in death by his sister, Rita Dresen; his brother, Marcus Dresen; and wife, JoAnn; and two grandchildren, Nathan Mathew Klein and Nicholas Dresen. He is survived by his wife, Lois of Earling; his children, LuAnn (Craig) Gross of Panama; Ronald Dresen of Omaha, NE; Linda Klein of Earling; and Roger Dresen of Portsmouth; eight grandchildren; one sister, Mildred (Ivo) Finken of Earling, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Jan. 7, 2005, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Casket bearers were Mike Dresen, Chris Dresen, Steve Dresen, Doug Finken, Kevin Dresen and Dean Finken. Burial was at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling with military grave side rites by the American Legion Post No. 615 of Earling. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

