

Walter A. Finken, 80

March 12, 1911 — Nov. 11, 1991

EARLING — Walter August Finken, son of Nicholas and Anna (Bieker)

Finken was born March 12, 1911 near Westphalia. He died Nov. 11, 1991, at the Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling, at age 80 years, seven months, and 30 days. He was baptized, received his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. He attended St. Boniface School in Westphalia and St. Joseph's in Earling.

April 21, 1936 he married Benedicta Stephany at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Two children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed for a short time before moving into Earling where he became employed at Hermerich International in Earling. They cared for his parents, Nick and Anna Finken as their health deteriorated. He sold insurance for Westphalia Farmer's Mutual and later was employed at the Shelby County Assessor's office; worked as a janitor at St. Joseph's parish, and was an aid at the Little Flower Haven. After the death of his wife July 24, 1972, he continued to live in Earling, retiring in 1980. In 1981, he became a resident of the Little Flower Haven in Earling. This has been his home since that time. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling.

In addition to his parents and wife; he was preceded in death by his daughter, Marilyn, Jan. 28, 1990; one sister, Elsie Assman and one brother, Albert "Rusty" Finken. Surviving him is his son, Donald of Sun Prairie, WI.; five brothers, Lawrence "Larry" (Sally) of Panama; Mark "Mac" (Virginia) of Downy, CA.; Ray (Florence) of Earling; Francis "Frank" (Edna) of Santa Ana, CA.; and Victor "Vic" (Joy) Finken of Earling; two sisters, Elvira (Mrs Sylvin) Miller of Earling and Mildred Retz of Hesperia, CA.; five grandchildren; one great-grandson, Richard Spence; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 14, 1991, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Chuck Kottas as celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery with Bob Bissen, Ron Buckley, Dean Finken, Duane Finken, Keith Finken, and Kenneth Finken casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.