

## Charles Finken, 83

*March 31, 1921 - Oct. 4, 2004*

**EARLING** — Charles Michael Finken, the son of John S. and Matilda (Heese) Finken, was born March 31, 1921, in Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. He attended and graduated from St. Joseph's Catholic School. After high school, he attended Iowa State for one year before entering the service.

July 8, 1944, Charles married Edna C. Fromm in Sacramento, CA, where Charles was stationed in the United States Army. Edna remained in California until Charles was sent overseas. She then returned to Shelby County to await his return from active duty. Following his honorable discharge in 1946, the couple made their home in Earling, and become owner operators of Finken Television Repair Service. He was a longtime member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, was an active member of the Earling Council No. 1741 Knights of Columbus and the American Legion Post No. 615 of Earling. They were the parents of 10 children, Steve, Alan, Rich, Dave, Jean, John, Mark, Joan, Peter and Paul. He died Oct. 4, 2004, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 83 years, six months and four days.

In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by his wife, Edna, who died Nov. 10, 2002; his son, John Finken; grandson, Gregory Finken; and his sister, Mariella Kramer. He is survived by his children, Steve Finken (Sharon) of Harlan; Alan Finken (Donnelle) of Littleton, CO; Rich Finken of Earling; Dave Finken of Papillion, NE; Jean (Alex) Pruitt of Spencer; Mark Finken of Earling; Joan (Jim) Henscheid of Des Moines; Peter Finken (Kara) of Simsbury, CT; and Paul Finken (Jackie) of Clarksville, TN; 23 grandchildren; one great-grandson; his brothers, Jack Finken and Robert (Mary Helen) Finken, both of Earling; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 7, 2004, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Military rites were conducted in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling by the American Legion Post No. 615 of Earling. Casket bearers were Jordan Henscheid, Greg Pruitt, Chris Finken, John Finken, Brian Finken and Nick Finken, Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

