

## Dennis Finken, 78

*Jan. 11, 1925 - Oct. 16, 2003*

**EARLING** – Dennis Michael Finken, the son of Tony and Cecelia Finken, was born Jan. 11, 1925, in Earling. He was the second youngest of 11 children and was baptized and confirmed in Earling. He attended St. Joseph's Catholic School and graduated in 1943.

Denny was united in marriage to Clara Book and they adopted two children, Nancy and Rose. Clara died in 1981.

Aug. 10, 1985, Denny married Betty O'Neill in Earling. Denny was a lifelong member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and a member of the Knights of Columbus and American Legion. He was a paratrooper in World War II and served in Japan. Denny ran the Earling Elevator and the Earling Cafe for many years. He died Oct. 16, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 78 years, nine months and five days.

Denny was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Sylvester Finken, Austin Finken and Tony Finken, Jr.; and three sisters, Irene Goeser, Vera Munchrath and Theoletta Finken. Survivors include his wife, Betty of Earling; his children, Rose Wageman (Don) of Earling and Nancy Voyles (Greg) of Plattsmouth, NE; 10 stepchildren; seven grandchildren, Christy Mennen (John) of Plymouth, MN; John Wageman (Sheila) of Omaha; Jay Wageman and fiancée, Krystal Ploen of Earling; Cheri Wageman of Earling; Andria, Desiree and Kaz Long of Plattsmouth, NE; 21 step grandchildren; two great grandchildren, Spencer Ploen and Evan Wageman; sisters, Edie Schneider and Doris Schneider, both of Westphalia; and Marie Ebert of El Paso, TX; brother, Ivo (Mick) Finken of Earling; nieces, nephews and cousins.

