

## Ivo Albert Finken, 91

Oct. 22, 1926 - Aug. 28, 2018

**EARLING** – Ivo Albert Finken was born October 22, 1926 in Earling to Cecilia (Heese) and Anton Finken. He was baptized, made his first communion and confirmed in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. He attended St. Joseph's Catholic School, graduating with the class of 1944.

He entered the Army in World War II in 1945 and 18 months later was honorably discharged.

He was married to Mildred Dresen in 1951 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. To this union four children were born, Donna, Dean, Darlene and Douglas.

From 1942 - 1964 he worked for Joe Wilwerding, owner of Wilwerding Auto Craft as a mechanic. He purchased the business and named it Finken Auto Machine Shop which he owned for 30 years.

In the past he was Earling's Fire Chief and Legion Commander for several years. He was also president of the Business Mens Club and in 1978 was voted Business Man of the Year.

Ivo enjoyed the casinos, horse and dog races, collecting coins, wood whittling, cracking and cleaning walnuts, peeling potatoes, washing dishes, and doing magic tricks. He loved the summer garden season and all the fresh vegetables. He could fix anything and everything. He enjoyed working on his family's cars long after his retirement. His sense of humor was enjoyed by many and the happiest moments were when the grandchildren and great grandchildren were near him.

Ivo died on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 surrounded by his loving family at Little Flower Haven in Earling, attaining the age of 91 years, 10 months and six days.

Ivo is preceded in death by his parents, wife Mildred, sisters Irene Goser, Vera Muenchrath, Edith Schneider, Doris Schneider, Marie Ebert and Theoletta in infancy, brothers Sylvester, Austin, Dennis, and Tony Jr. in infancy.

Left to cherish his memory are his children Donna Stephens of Denison; Dean Finken and his wife Sandy of Earling; Darlene and her husband Don Mages of Panama; Douglas Finken and his special friend Nancy Caylor of Altoona; eight grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren; sister-in-law Lois Dresen of Earling; nieces and nephews; other family members and many friends.

A 10:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Wayne Gubbels on Friday, August 31, 2018 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Chad Stephens, Nathan Mages, Brent Finken, B.J. Bruck, Stephen Mages, Brian Heese, and James Reason served as casket bearers. Military Rites were conducted by Earling American Legion Post No. 615 at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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