

## John Finken, 85

March 30, 1926 - Dec. 5, 2011

**EARLING** — John Joseph

Finken, better known as Jack, was born on March 30, 1926 to John and Mathilda (Heese) Finken in Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and graduated from St. Joseph's Catholic School. The day after his high school graduation, Jack left for the Marines. He served in Okinawa and the occupational forces in Japan during World War II. In July of 1946, he received his honorable discharge from military service and returned home. He worked for two years for his dad at the grocery store before purchasing it from his dad.



In 1953, Jack joined the Trappist Monks for five years. He returned to Earling and worked for the lumber yard before going to work at the Iowa Beef Producers packing plant. He enjoyed farming and also raised hogs before retiring in the early 90's. Jack was a very kind and humble person who valued the simple things in life and was faithful to read the Bible. Jack died at his home on Monday, December 5, 2011, having attained the age of eighty-five years, eight months, and five days.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, sister Mariella Kramer, and two brothers: Cyril and Charles Finken. He is survived by his brother Robert Finken and his wife Mary of Earling; many family members and friends.

Rev. Chris Fontanini celebrated the 11:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, December 9, 2011 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Betty Gaul accompanied vocalists Dave and Ruth Hoffmann. Serving as casket bearers were Larry Kramer, Richard Finken, Bob Kirschbaum, Charles King, Steve Finken, and Dale Graeve. Interment was held at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling.

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