

William Finken, 95

June 23, 1909 - Dec. 31, 2004

DENVER, CO — William (Bill) Joseph Finken was born to Susan and Matt Finken in Defiance. He graduated from Defiance and began college in Ames.

June 23 was a shared birthday (one year apart) and became their anniversary as Bill married Helen Waddington of Sioux City June 23, 1930. They celebrated 50 years of marriage in 1980. Helen died in 1981. He worked as an engineer at the Swift Packing Company in Sioux City. In the early 40's they moved to a farm between Defiance and Manilla. Two years later he began a career with Moorman's Feed Company and was promoted to manager. In 1949, he moved his family to Carroll. He continued with Moorman's and relocated to Denver, CO, in 1957, beginning his career in real estate shortly after. He was very active in parish work, The Knights of Columbus and supported numerous charities. Following an accident, Bill's last six months were medically challenging. He died Dec. 31, 2004, at age 95.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Helen; sons, Leonard and Kenneth; daughter, Lois Olerich; granddaughter, Luanne Loughran; brothers, Howard and Gail; and sisters, Mary Jane Slettedahl and Sister Mary Augustine. He is survived by a brother, Father Basil of Atchison, KS; a sister and brother-in-law, Mel and Alice Stolz of Harlan; and sisters-in-law, Eulalia Finken of Omaha and Alice Waddington of Sioux City; four sons, Donald (Joann), Edward (Bev), Leo (Cathy) and Paul (Debbie), all of the Denver area, and daughters, Mary (Cliff) Morgan of Idaho and Alice (Bob) Harmon of Florida; 34 grandchildren; 86 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Notre Dame Parish in Lakewood, CO, Jan. 6, 2005.

