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August Joseph Hastert, 89

Aug. 23, 1901 — July 24, 1991

PANAMA — August "Gus" Hastert, son of Peter and Anna Katzer Hastert was born Aug. 23, 1901, near Greeley, KS. In 1922 he moved to Iowa where he did farm work.

Sept. 15, 1925, he married Mary F. Kaufmann at Westphalia and to this union 8 children were born. They farmed near Westphalia for one year before moving to a farm near Panama where he resided until March of this year. He was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church. He died July 24, 1991, at the Little Flower Haven in Earing at age 89 years, 11 months and one day.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary in 1989; two sons, August in 1972 and George in 1981; two brothers, Tony and Huebert; a sister, Martha Gretencord and two grandchildren: Mike Rueschenberg and Paul Hastert. Survivors include three sons: Jacob of Westphalia; Joseph and Christopher of Panama; three daughters, Anna (Mrs Delbert) Rueschenberg of Westphalia; Alice (Mrs Herman) Esser of Earling and Rita (Mrs William) Finken of Harlan; and four brothers, Earl of Dunlap, Chris of Garnett, KS., Clarence of Co. Bluffs and Irvin of Escondido, CA.; by 25 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held July 27, 1991 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama with Rev. Chuck Kottas, the celebrant. Burial was in the St. Mary's cemetery with the Hastert Grandchildren, casketbearers. Arrangements by Burmeister Funeral Home.