



Leonard W. Heller, 83

June 7, 1908 — Dec. 13, 1991

EARLING — Leonard W. Heller, son of Joe and Mary (Erlbacher) Heller, was born June 7, 1908 on a farm near Earling. He died at the Manilla Manor Nursing Home in Manilla, Dec. 13, 1991, at age 83 years, 6 months and 6 days. He was baptized, received his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Earling. He attended St. Joseph's Catholic School and also country school. After school, he helped his dad on the farm.

Jan. 8, 1934, he married Lucille Hanrahan at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Manilla. They were the parents of 13 children. After they were married, they farmed near Earling until 1947, when they moved to a farm in the Defiance area. In 1974, they retired from

farming, and made their home in Defiance, until July of 1990 when they became residents of the Manilla Manor Nursing Home at Manilla. This has been their home since that time. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic and its Holy Name Society at Defiance, and also the Knights of Columbus, Earling Council #1741 of Earling.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons, Joseph and William both infants and two brothers, Albert and Joseph Jr. and three granddaughters, Debra, Jean and Joan Freund. He is survived by his wife, Lucille of the Manilla Manor; five daughters, Mary (Mrs James) Hermeling of Manilla; Maxine (Mrs Pete) Schmieding of Co. Bluffs; Helen (Mrs Dennis) Freund of Earling; Agnes (Mrs Dave) Purcell of Bradenton, FL., and Lavonne (Mrs Terry) Schulte of Westphalia; six sons, Roger (Phyllis) of Defiance; Paul (Beulah) of Elk Horn; Bernard (Connie) of Co. Bluffs; Louis (Sherry) of Defiance; Jim (Mary) of Manilla; and Tom of Defiance; 37 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs Augusta Esser of Earling and Marie Heller of Dunlap; five brothers, Leo (Mildred) Lawrence (Ruth); Urban (Kathleen) and Peter, all of Dunlap; and Irwin (Julia) of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Dec. 16, 1991 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance with Rev. Dennis Trausch, celebrant. Concelebrating was Rev. Lloyd White with Rev. Fred Reischl homilist. Graveside services were conducted by Rev. Chuck Kottas at St. Joseph's cemetery in Earling with Jim Heller, Tom Heller, Paul Heller, Louis Heller, Roger Heller, and Bernard Heller, casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.