

Earl Francis Hastert, 86

July 15, 1912 – May 11, 1999

DUNLAP – Earl Francis Hastert, son of Peter J. and Anna M. (Katzer) Hastert, was born July 15, 1912, in Greeley, KS. He attended school at St. John's Parochial School in Greeley. After graduating from elementary school, he helped his father farm, and also worked in the peach orchards in Greeley, CO. He then moved to Panama to help his brother, Gus, farm.

Jan. 4, 1938, he married Theresa E. Reisz of Panama. The couple began farming for themselves, residing 7 1/4 miles northwest of Panama in Harrison County. Theresa died June 7, 1987, in Co. Bluffs. Earl married Viola M. Haberberger Sept. 14, 1991, in Dunlap. He was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, where he had assisted with premarital classes. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Friendship Group (National), and the Dunlap Farmers' Coop. He had served as Harrison County (Douglas Township) clerk for 38 years. He died May 11, 1999, at his rural Panama home at age 86 years, nine months and 26 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his first wife, Theresa E. Hastert; one son, Francis G. Hastert; four brothers, August "Gus" Hastert, Anthony "Tony" Hastert, Huebert "Hub" Hastert, and Christopher "Chris" Hastert; and one sister, Martha Gretencord. Survivors include his second wife, Viola M. Hastert of Dunlap; four daughters, Marjorie (Edward) Chalupa and Susan (Michael) Hickey, both of Omaha; Celine (Leonard) Kay of Co. Bluffs and Monica (James) Valentine of Dixon, MO; three stepdaughters, Shirley (Don) Winkler of Omaha; Linda (Mike) Moore and Alice Jones, both of Co. Bluffs; one stepson, Alan (Terri) Ronk of Woodbine; two brothers, Clarence (Marie) Hastert of Co. Bluffs and Irvin Hastert of Escondido, CA; 11 grandchildren; seven step grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; seven step great grandchildren and other relatives.

Mass of Christian Burial was held May 14, 1999, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, with Father Michael G. Peters officiating. Casket bearers were Alan Ronk, Bob Riley, Scott Hickey, Rod Chalupa, Mark Lynch, Frank Stoysich, Adam Valentine and Brian Valentine. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.