

## Walter N. Leuschen, 84

March 1, 1913 - Nov. 2, 1997

**PANAMA** - Walter Nicholas Leuschen, son of Joseph B. and Susan (Schwery) Leuschen, was born March 1, 1913, near Panama. He was baptized and confirmed in St. Mary's Church in Panama, attended school at St. Mary's in Panama and grew to adulthood in the Panama area.

June 15, 1939, he married Cornelia Hoffmann at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. To this union two sons were born. Walter was a livestock and grain farmer for 40 years before retiring to Panama in June of 1979. A lifelong resident of the Panama community, he was active in church and community affairs and was a member of the St. Mary's choir for 25 years. He was an officer in the Good Roads Association in the 1940's and coached Junior Legion baseball in the early 1950's. He was treasurer of the Panama Community Club, from which he received the Farmer of the Year Award in 1974. He served on the Parish Council and served on the Regional Parish Council for seven years. He was a director of the former Panama Telephone Co., and director of the former Farmer's Grain and Mercantile Company, a director of the Panama Development Corporation and member of the Knights of Columbus. Walter was a member of the Senior Citizen Golden Age Club and along with Cornelia served in the posts of president and vice-president. He died at St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha, Nov. 2, 1997, at age 84 years, eight months and one day.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Beatrice Stessman, Ben Leuschen, Sr., Adelaide Leuschen, Leonard Leuschen, Godfrey Leuschen, Mary Ann Cady, and a grandson, Stephen Leuschen. Survivors include his wife, Cornelia of Panama; his two sons, Jim Leuschen (Pat) of Omaha and Gene Leuschen (Pat) of Panama; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild; a sister, Dorothy Kramer of Waterloo, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Nov. 5, 1997, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, with Rev. Michael G. Peters celebrant and Rev. Larry Hoffmann, Rev. Leonard Kenkel, and Rev. LaVern Wingert concelebrating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama, with Joe Leuschen, Bob Leuschen, Cheri Leuschen, Shana Leuschen, Sue Leuschen, Paul Leuschen, James Leuschen and Kate Leuschen Millar honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Larry Klein, Allen Hoffmann, Joe Michels, Dave Hoffmann, Ralph Schwery and Joe Hoffmann. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.