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Joseph L. Morfeld, 84

Oct. 15, 1907 — Dec. 20, 1991

PANAMA — Joseph Louis Morfeld, son of Louis and Kathryn (Hoecker) Morfeld was born Oct. 15, 1907 at Freeburg, MO. He died at Mercy Hospital in Co. Bluffs, Dec. 20, 1991, at age 84 years, 2 months and 5 days. He was baptized, received his First Communion and was confirmed at Holy Family Catholic Church in Freeburg, MO. He attended Holy Family Catholic School and later helped his father at their General Store. In 1928, he moved to Howells, NE., where he worked as a farm hand, and in 1930 he moved to Earling, where he also worked as a farm hand.

Jan. 31, 1933, he married Mathilda Sonderman at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Three sons were born to this union. After they were married, they moved to a farm northwest of Panama. They farmed this farm until 1976, when they retired. They continued to live on the farm until 1983, when they moved into Panama. This has been their home since that time. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Regina; and two brothers, Herman and Alphonse. He is survived by his wife, Mathilda of Panama; three sons, Melvin (Arlene) and Russell (Charlene), all of Omaha, NE., and Tom (Letha) of La Crosse, WI.; 5 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren; one brother, Leonard of Los Angeles, CA.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Dec. 23, 1991 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama with Rev. Chuck Kottas celebrant and Rev. Edward Kelly and Rev. Donald Bruck concelebrating. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery with Dave Kenkel, George Miller, Damien Kenkel, Bob Sonderman, John Sonderman, and Harry Sonderman, casketbearers Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.