

Leo Munchrath, 93

April 12, 1908 - May 18, 2001

DEFIANCE – Leo Munchrath, son of Chris and Barbara (Thielen) Munchrath, was born April 12, 1908, in Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. In 1918, as a young boy, he moved with his family from Earling to Defiance, where he attended country school at St. Paul's Catholic School. He grew to adulthood on the family farm.

June 26, 1937, he married Naomi Hulsebus in Council Bluffs. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Defiance, and in November of 1989, they moved into Dunlap, to be near their daughter, Linda. Naomi died in November of 1990. Leo was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. He died May 18, 2001, at the Dunlap Care Center at age 93 years, one month and six days.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Naomi, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Joyce, and a brother, Ralph. Survivors include his children, Jack Munchrath (Marilyn) of Omaha, NE; Dick Munchrath (Joan) of Omaha, NE; Robert Munchrath of Omaha, NE; Linda (Denny) Lehan of Dunlap; 10 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; sister, Beatrice Munchrath of Earling; brother, Delbert Munchrath (Vera) of Kansas City, MO; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 21, 2001, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance, with Joe Ricchini, Greg Munchrath, Gary Neilsen, Brad Munchrath, Mike Wesack and Don Munchrath casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

