

Raymond Nowatzke, 69 ✓

April 28, 1923 — Sept. 3, 1992

EARLING — Raymond Paul Nowatzke, son of Jacob and Rose (Gubbels) Nowatzke was born April 28, 1923, on a farm southwest of Earling. He died Sept. 3, 1992, at the Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs, at age 69 years, four months, and six days. He was baptized, received his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama. He attended St. Mary's School in Panama through the 8th grade, and grew to adulthood helping on the family farm.

Sept. 21, 1948, he married Madonna Paollazzi at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Seven children were born to this union. They farmed the family farm near Earling their entire married life until Ray's retirement in 1975. They have continued to reside on the farm since that time. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Surviving is his wife, Madonna of Earling; his children, Marie (Gary) Nelson of Fort Collins, CO.; Jerry (Diane) Nowatzke of North Platte, NE.; Michael Nowatzke of Earling; John (Donita) Nowatzke of Kimballton; Theresa (Ray) Bruck of Persia; Eugene (Kaye) Nowatzke of Audubon; and Ronald Nowatzke of Dallas, TX.; 19 grandchildren; two brothers, Jake and Joe Nowatzke, both of Panama; and three sisters, Ann Kwapiszeski and Marie Nowatzke, both of Panama; and Sr. Amelia Nowatzke of Ottawa, KS.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 5, 1992, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama with Rev. Don Daleke, celebrant. Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery in Westphalia with Gary Gubbels, Roger Schmitz, Ivo Wilwerding, Dean Gubbels, Michael Schomers, and Norman Schmitz honorary casketbearers. Casketbearers were Steve Reisz, Neil Kwapiszeski, Roger Nowatzke, Jeff Nowatzke, Duane Nowatzke, and David Nowatzke. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.