

Jacob J. Nowatzke, 85 ✓

April 15, 1913 - Oct. 7, 1998

PANAMA - Jacob Joseph Nowatzke, son of Jacob P. and Rose (Gubbels) Nowatzke, was born April 15, 1913, at Westphalia. He was baptized at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia and confirmed at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Panama, graduating in 1932.

June 13, 1938, he married Mathilda A. Wingert of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. To this union three sons were born, Robert, David and Duane. They lived on a farm northeast of Panama before moving to the farm they purchased in 1942 which was east of Panama. They continued to make their home there until September of 1982, when they retired to their new home in Panama. Jake was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, a member of the Parish Council where he served as secretary, a member of Holy Name Society, a member of the Board of Directors of the Farmers Mercantile and Grain Company of Panama and served on the Farm Bureau County Board of Directors. In addition to being a farmer, he did carpentry and taxidermy. He died at his home in Panama, Oct. 7, 1998, at age 85 years, five months and 22 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Marie Nowatzke, and his brother, Raymond Nowatzke. Survivors include his wife, Mathilda Nowatzke of Panama; his sons, Robert Nowatzke (Nancy) of Prairie Village, KS; David Nowatzke (Christine) of Liberty, MO and Duane Nowatzke (Susan) of Earling; 12 grandchildren and three great grandchildren; his sisters, Ann Kwapiszeski of Panama and Sister Amelia Nowatzke of Atchison, KS; his brother, Josephine Nowatzke of Harlan, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Oct. 10, 1998, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, with Rev. Michael Peters celebrant and Rev. Paul Bianchi, Rev. Richard Gubbels, Rev. Leonard Kenkel concelebrating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama, with Jeff Nowatzke, Dennis Nowatzke, Mark Wingert, Randy Nowatzke, Michael J. Nowatzke and Gene Nowatzke casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

