

## **Ray Rau, 90**

**March 25, 1913-May 25, 1995**

**Harlan-** Ray Rau, son of Michael and Mary (Lockman) Rau, was born Aug. 26, 1904 at Westphalia. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. He attended country school and St. Boniface grade school and later attended Dowling High School in Des Moines.

Jan. 11, 1938 he married Marie Mueller at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. They became the parents of five children. After their marriage, they farmed west of Harlan until retiring in 1975. They continued to reside on the farm until 1985, when they moved to their present home in Harlan. After the death of his wife March 4, 1992, he continued to reside in his home in Harlan. It was there that he died May 30, 1995 at age 90 years, 9 months and 4 days.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan and a former member of the Knights of Columbus, Earling Council #1741. He had also formerly played baseball in the Western Iowa League.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Gilbert, Frank and Anton "Tony" Rau and Frances Kleffman, Anna Kloewer, Eleanor Kloewer and Margaret. He is survived by his children, Thomas (Janiece) Rau of Shelby, Pearl (James) Summers, Joan (Duane) Schaben of Co. Bluffs, Ruth (John) Plambeck of Persia, and Ann (Russell) Rudy of Walnut; 15 grandchildren, four great grandchildren, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 2, 1995 at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Msgr. Edward Kelly celebrant. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery in Westphalia with Leo Rau, Norbert Kleffman, Jim Summers, Troy Plambeck, Richard Mether and Steve Skinner casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.