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## Frank J. Reisz, 77

Aug. 28, 1917 - July 19, 1995

**Panama** - Frank John Reisz, son of John and Marie (Gerlach) Reisz, was born Aug. 28, 1917 at Elmer, MN. He was baptized at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Elmer and received his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. He attended St. Mary's School in Panama and grew to adulthood on the family farm.

March 2, 1943 he married Rita Schneider at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Six children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in the Panama area until 1975. In the early 1960's he entered the fertilizer business and later became the owner of the Panama Fertilizer Company. In the spring of 1977 they moved into Panama. He retired from his fertilizer business in 1982 and they have continued to reside

in Panama since that time. He died July 19, 1995 at the Bishop Clarkson Hospital in Omaha at age 77 years, ten months and 21 days. He had been director of the telephone company for ten years, and a member of the Panama Community Club for many years where he also served as vice-president and president. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. They were privileged to have celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary in March of this year.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Joe and Carl Reisz and a sister, Theresa Hastert. He is survived by his wife, Rita Reisz of Panama; his children, Mary Ellen (Robert) Weis of Woodbine, Michael (Suzanne) Reisz of Co. Bluffs, Barbara (Harlan) King of Omaha, Gene (Marilyn) Reisz of Panama; Phyllis (Mark) Bishoff of Omaha and Francene (Paul) Kleffman of Portsmouth; 15 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters, John (Eleanor) Reisz, Jr. of Dunlap, Anna (John) Mickels of Panama, Rev. Adam Reisz of Dunlap, Marie (Clarence) Hastert of Co. Bluffs, Catherine Stinn of Panama, Elizabeth (Norbert) Steffen of New Hampton, and Walter (Mary Ellen) Reisz of Portsmouth; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held July 22, 1995 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama with Rev. Don Daleke, celebrant. Concelebrating was Rev. James Gilg, Rev. Paul Bianchi and Rev. Dick Steinhilber. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama with Robert Weis, Michael Reisz, Harlan King, Gene Reisz, Mark Bishoff and Paul Kleffman, casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.