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Leonard A. Schmitz, 67 ✓✓

Dec. 6, 1923 — Sept. 14, 1991

WESTPHALIA — Leonard Anthony Schmitz, son of Leo J. and Cecelia Zimmerman Schmitz, was born Dec. 6, 1923 on a farm near Westphalia. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church and has been a member of this church his entire life. He received his education in the Catholic schools, grading from St. Boniface High School in 1941.

Nov. 22, 1945, he married Eileen Coenen at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. To this union, nine children were born. After their marriage, they farmed near Westphalia until 1959, when he took an egg and cream route with the Westphalia Coop. He also spent many years serving area farmers with the coop tank wagon. After his retirement, he continued to make his home in Westphalia until becoming a resident of the Little Flower Haven, June 20, 1990. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, Sept. 14, 1991, at age 67 years, nine months and nine days.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by one son, Thomas and two grandchildren, Audrey Schmitz and Jason Schmitz. Survivors include his wife, Eileen of Westphalia; one daughter, Shirley (Dale) Haner of Elk Horn; seven sons, Ron (Pam) of Santee, CA.; Larry (Nancy) of LaVista; Jack (Tammy) of Red Oak; Lenny (Doris) of Harlan; Doug of LaVista; Joe (Lory) of LaVista, NE.; and Brian (Michelle) of Millard, NE.; 18 grandchildren; mother, Cecelia Schmitz of Westphalia; one brother, Leland (Mary) of Westphalia; one sister, Irene (Verle) Greer of Harlan; nieces and nephews; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was concelebrated Sept. 17, 1991 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia with Rev. Dennis Trausch, celebrant. Concelebrating was Rev. Edward Kelly, assisted by Deacon Pat Davitt. Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery with Delbert Klein, Roger Schmitz, Michael Goetz, Harold Schulte, Norman Schmitz, Francis Schulte and Ronald Zimmerman honorary casketbearers. Active casketbearers were Ken Rau, Kevin Coenen, Neil Schmitz, Terry Schulte, Jerry Schomer, Russell L. Greer, Duane N. Schorner, and Randall L. L. Schmitz. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.