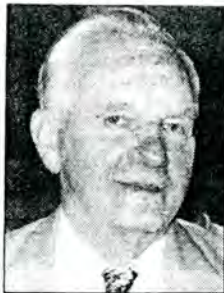


## Elmer Schechinger, 69

July 24, 1929 – March 21, 1999

**HARLAN** - Elmer Frank Schechinger, son of Michael and Annabel (Weihs) Schechinger, was born July 24, 1929, near Westphalia. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Elmer attended school in Westphalia, graduating in 1947. During his high school years he felt responsible to help his mother and family on the farm, as his father died when he was 14 years old.

June 22, 1950, he married Margaret Ann Stessman at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. They became parents of 15 children. The couple moved onto a family farm which had belonged to his great grandfather, not far from his mother and he continued to be involved with helping her farm. He began selling seed corn for P. A. G. in the 60's when there was a need for another source of income. He began bagging soybeans for a few different companies and gradually developed his own soybean research program. He began marketing his own soybean line under the name of S Brand Seeds. Presently he was doing research for Stine Seed. Elmer was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, served on the Parish Council of St. Boniface and on the Finance Committee of the Des Moines Diocese. He also was a past 4-H leader and served on the Westphalia Fire Department. He was a member of the American Seed Trade Association and a member of the Cattleman's Association. Elmer died March 21, 1999, in Akron, OH while attending a golden anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sonderman, at age 69 years, seven months and 25 days.



In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Jerry; his sister, Alice and her husband Alf Schomers, and his brother, Jim Schechinger. Survivors include his wife, Margaret of Harlan; his children, Connie (Ron) Carter of Harlan; John Schechinger (Cindy) of Harlan; Ray Schechinger (Ann) of Harlan; Tom Schechinger (Kay) of Harlan; Sharon (Jim) Bieker of Harlan; Dan Schechinger (Joan) of Harlan; Donna (Galen) Grabill of Harlan; Ron Schechinger (Konnie) of Harlan; Don Schechinger (Deb) of Harlan; JoAnn (Galen) Schnack of Westphalia; Glen Schechinger of Oakland; and Janice (Chuck) Assman of Waseca, MN; Dean Schechinger of Oakland; Lora (Rick) Zimmerman of Golden, CO; Kevin Schechinger of Oakland; 62 grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; his sisters, Arlene (Elmer) Schwery of Harlan; Agnes (Joe) Wehr of Westphalia; Jane (Mike) Ragsdale of Hiram, GA; Joyce (Stan) Ulmer of Harlan; his brother, Mike Schechinger (Mary) of Westphalia; his sister-in-law, Kay Schechinger of Harlan; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 25, 1999, at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling, with Rev. Joseph L. Brown, C.P.P.S. celebrant and Rev. Mike Berner, Rev. Howard Fitzgerald, Rev. Paul Bianchi, Rev. Fred Reischl, Rev. Tom Crowley, Msgr. Gerald Stessman and Rev. Cornelius Gaul concelebrating. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery in Westphalia, with Bill Eby, Monte Schechinger, Harry Stine, Mike Petersen, Bruce Goeser, Neil Schmitz and Duane Dea honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Nick Bieker, Jeremy Schechinger, Shawn Carter, Shane Schechinger, Chad Schechinger and Dallas Schechinger. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.