

Walter Schneider, 84

May 1, 1918 - March 21, 2003

HARLAN – Walter George Schneider, son of George and Emma (Weihs) Schneider, was born May 1, 1918, on a farm near Westphalia. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. He attended country school until eighth grade then helped on the family farm.

April 28, 1943, he married Doris Finken at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. To this union 11 children were born. He was a grain and livestock farmer until his retirement in 1984 and remained living on the family Century Farm until the time of his death. Walter was a former member of the Westphalia Co-op and Holy Name Society. He played in a country western band in his earlier years. Walter died March 21, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 84 years, 10 months and 20 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Russell Schneider; granddaughter, Krista Fitzgerald; grandson, Greg Schneider; brother, Elmer Schneider; and sisters, Irene Leuschen and Marie Schneider. He is survived by his wife, Doris Schneider of Harlan; children, Kenneth Schneider (Kim) of Portsmouth; Jane (Kenneth) Foxhoven of Earling; Jerome "Buzz" Schneider (Connie) of Westphalia; Richard Schneider (Janet) of Avoca; Allen Schneider (Susan) of Harlan; Mary Lee (Gary) Fitzgerald of Clare; Denise (Mark) Andries of Cedar Rapids; Jean (Ken) Friesen of Crescent; Sandra (John) Busch of Claremore, OK; Pamela Schneider (George) Gingrich of Walnut; sisters, Luella Kloewer of Earling; Alvera Nelson of Coleridge, NE and Mildred (Andy) Bruck of Earling; 29 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Barbara Schneider Fulitano of Urbandale; sister-in-law, Edith Schneider of Harlan; brother-in-law, Joseph Leuschen of Earling; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held March 24, 2003, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, with Rev. Michael G. Peters and Rev. Paul Bianchi celebrants. Honorary casket bearers were Jason Schneider, Michael Schneider, Christopher Andries, Andrew Schneider, Mitchell Max, Alex Friesen and Michael Andries. Casket bearers were Todd Schneider, Douglas Schneider, Nicholas Andries, Barry Schneider, Brian Schneider and Jeremy Schneider. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery, Westphalia. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

