

## George Stolz, Jr., 81

*Sept. 15, 1925 - Aug. 9, 2007*

**EARLING** - George Henry Stolz Jr. was born Sept. 15, 1925, to Vera (Dougal) and George H. Stolz, Sr. on a farm south of Defiance. He was baptized, made his first communion, and was confirmed at St. Peters Catholic Church in Defiance. In 1938, he moved with his parents to a farm northwest of Earling in Grove Township, where he met his wife-to-be in country school. He graduated from the eighth grade and then helped his father farm 440 acres.

George married Marie M. Blum April 12, 1948, in St. Peters Catholic Church in Defiance. To this union seven children were born: Twyla, Randy, Stan, Deb, Pam, Russ, and Cheri. The couple bought a farm and made their home in Grove Township. George retired in 1986 and moved to Earling. He had sold Plumb Seed Corn for over ten years, was a township trustee and served on the city council in Earling for seven years. George loved big band music and taught himself to play the string bass. He played in the Earl Russell Orchestra for thirty-six years and with other bands for another four years. He died at Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling Aug. 9, 2007, at age eighty-one years, ten months, and twenty-five days.

George was preceded in death by his wife Marie, his parents, his brothers: Ronaldus, Roman, Allen, and Melvin Stolz; and his sisters: Delores Tremel and Veronica Stolz. He is survived by his daughters: Twyla (Bob) McConnell of Defiance, Deb (Ron) Frederick of Earling, Pam (Randy) Schwery of Earling, and Cheri (Brett) Crawley of Defiance; his sons: Randy Stolz of Sioux City, Stan Stolz and Russ Stolz, both of Defiance; fifteen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; his brothers: Merrill Stolz of Harlan, and Louis Stolz of Dunlap; his sisters: Lois Koesters of Earling and Wilma Mohr of Denison; brother-in-law John Tremel, sisters-in-law: Alice Stolz of Harlan and Edith Stolz of San Diego, CA; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Aug. 13, 2007 with Rev. Tom Coenen celebrating at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Casket bearers were Will McConnell, Wes Cunningham, Randy Stolz, Jr., Mike Frederick, Jay Frederick, Gary Stolz, and Ben Stolz. Burial was held at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

