

Charles J. Wageman, 82

March 14, 1919 – June 23, 2001

HARLAN – Charles Joseph Wageman, son of Charles and Barbara (Schechinger) Wageman, was born March 14, 1919, on a farm near Westphalia. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church and attended St. Boniface Catholic School in Westphalia. Charles grew to adulthood on his parents' farm and continued farming there with his father after school.

He married Mariette Willemyns Nov. 7, 1953, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Three children were born to his union. After their marriage, they continued to farm the Wageman family farm. He was a lifetime member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. He was also a member of the Earling Council No. 1741, Knights of Columbus. He died June 23, 2001, at Little Flower Haven Nursing Home at age 82 years, three months and nine days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Robert, and his brothers and sisters, Anthony, Catherine, Ann, Augusta and William. Survivors include his wife, Mariette of Harlan; his daughters, Charlette (Dwight) Bierbaum of Griswold; Cindy (Russ) Ranniger of Manning; seven grandchildren; two great grandchildren; his brothers and sisters, Cecelia Weihs of Des Moines; Sister Mary Ruth Wageman of Campbellsport, WI; John Wageman (Margaret) of Harlan; Adeline Altman of Earling; Ages (Ed) Goetzing of Westphalia; Theresa Henscheid of Westphalia; Frank Wageman (Ester) of Omaha, NE and Sister Joan Wageman of Colorado; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held June 25, 2001, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, with Rev. Michael G. Peters celebrant. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery in Westphalia, with Valerie Bierbaum, Shelly Bierbaum, Melanie Bierbaum, Tammy Bierbaum, Jacqueline Bierbaum, Jessica Ranniger and Ann Ranniger casket bearers.