

John H. Weiland, 95

June 20, 1909 - Oct. 11, 2004

EARLING — John Henry Weiland, the son of Chris and Mary Kuhl Weiland, was born on the family farm in Union Township June 20, 1909. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and attended school at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling.

April 13, 1931, John married Sylvia Schmitz at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. They became the parents of six children. After their marriage, they farmed on the family farm formerly owned by John's father and grandfather until they retired and moved into Earling in 1977. He also drove school bus for the Harlan Community School District for many years. Sylvia died March 20, 1996, one month before their 65th wedding anniversary. John was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and was a 4th Degree member of the Luke E. Hart Assembly, Knights of Columbus Earling Council No. 1741 and its Chalice Club, and as of 2004, he was the oldest living member, having been a member of Council 1741 for 76 years. He died Oct. 11, 2004, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 95 years, three months and 21 days.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Sylvia, John was preceded in death by his brothers, Ivo, Art and Dewey; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He is survived by his children, Bernice (Ron) Blum of Omaha, NE; Jack Weiland (Sharon) of Springtown, TX; Bonnie (George) Kenkel of Earling; Ken Weiland of Colorado Springs, CO; Dan Weiland (Linda) of Lewisville, TX; Terry Weiland (Alice) of Aurora, CO; 25 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; two great great-grandchildren; a sister, Rita Graeve of Omaha, NE; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 14, 2004, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery with Jeff Weiland, Randy Blum, Jesse Weiland, Roger Kenkel, K.C. Weiland and Steven Kenkel casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

