

Ferdinand P. Assmann, 88

Earling — Ferdinand Peter Assmann, the son of Albert and Emma (Fahn) Assmann, was born Oct. 8, 1894, on a farm in Grove twp., Shelby co. He was baptized, received his First Communion and confirmed at St. Patrick's Catholic church in Dunlap. He attended school at St. Patrick's Catholic school in Dunlap, and grew to adulthood helping on the family farm.

On Feb. 18, 1919 he married Cecilia Frank at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling. Eight children were born to this union. After marriage, they farmed two miles west of Earling, for many years. After retiring in 1968 they moved to Denver, Colo. This is where they made their home until 1980 when they moved to Grand Junction, Colo. to be with their daughter Carole. This has been their home since that time.

He was a former member of St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling, also a former member of Holy Family Catholic church in Denver, Colo. and presently a member of Immaculate Heart Catholic church in Grand Junction, Colo. They also had the honor of celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary on Feb. 18, 1983.

He died at Hilton Rehabilitation Center in Grand Junction, Colo. on Thursday, April 14, 1983, at the age of 88 years, 6 months and 6 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and also by one daughter Marie Elnora; three brothers, Carl, Tony and Joseph and one sister Eleanor (Mrs Joe) Kramer.

In addition to his wife Cecilia of Grand Junction, Colo., he is survived by six sons Leo of Phoenix, Ariz., Norbert of Panama, Sylvester of Earling, Tony of Denver, Colo., Joe of Omaha, Neb., and Jerry of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one daughter, Carole (Mrs Dennis) Schaben of Grand Junction, Colo.; 42 grandchildren and 47 great grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Burns of Pasadena, Calif. and Isabelle (Mrs Leonard) Stessman of Earling; one brother, Alfons of Jefferson, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling on Tuesday, April 19, 1983, with the Rev. Gerald Stessman as celebrant and Rev. Adam Reisz and the Rev. Tom DeCarlo as concelebrants.

Burial was in the St. Joseph's cemetery, Earling, with David Assman, Kenneth Assman, Randy Assman, Terry Assman, Jeff Assman and Duane Assman serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.