

Charles Bruck, 91

Charles Bruck, the son of Anton and Catherine Schmitz Bruck, was born July 1, 1891 in Luxenberg, Germany. He was baptized in Germany, and when he was six months old moved with his parents to Stone City. Later when he was five years old, they moved to Earling, where he attended St. Joseph's Catholic school. He received his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic church. After school he grew to adulthood, while working on the family farm.

On Jan. 25, 1915 he married Margaret Mary Blum at St. Boniface Catholic church in Westphalia. Seven children were born to this union. After marriage, they farmed in the Earling and Westphalia areas, until they retired in 1951 and moved into Earling. In May of 1978 they became residents of the Little Flower Haven in Earling and this has been their home since that time.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling, and also its Holy Name Society. He died at Myrtle Memorial hospital, Harlan, on Thursday, March 10, 1983, at the age of 91 years, 8 months and 9 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons, Alfred and George; one son-in-law Bud Schwery; two grandchildren, Margaret Mary Schwery and Albert Richard Bruck; one great grandchild, Bobby Handols; four brothers, Jacob, John, Fred and William and one sister, Susan (Mrs Al) Wilwerding. Survivors include his wife, Margaret of Earling; one daughter, Mary Ann (Mrs Bud) Schwery of

Panama; four sons, Leonard of Portsmouth, LaVern of Irwin and also Gerald and Richard both of Earling; 40 grandchildren and 55 great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives and many friends.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling on Monday, March 14, 1983, with Rev Anthony Wilwerding as Celebrant, and Rev. Donald Bruck, Rev. Tom Coenen and Tom DeCarlo as concelebrants.

Burial was in the St. Joseph's cemetery, Earling, with Richard Bruck Jr., Jody Charles Bruck, Bruce Bruck, William Bruck, Roger Bruck and William Schwery serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.