



August J. Eckermann, 92

Defiance — August Jacob Eckermann, son of Louis and Catherine Goetzmeir Eckermann, was born on a farm in Shelby county north of Harlan, on Sept. 27, 1887. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface church in Westphalia. He attended St. Boniface school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. After completing his schooling, August farmed in Union twp.

On Jan. 22, 1924, he married Elizabeth Heinzelmair in St. Peter's church in Defiance. Eight children were born to this union. They made their home on a farm in the Defiance area & continued to farm until retiring in 1969. He became a resident of Little Flower Haven in Earling in 1971 and this has been his home since that time. Mr Eckermann died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, on Thursday, Jan. 29, 1980, at age 92 years, four months and two days. He has been a long time member of St. Peter's church in Defiance.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers - Arthur, Henry, Fred, Louis, and Herman; and four sisters - Mary, Clara, Josephine, and Cecelia. Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth, of Defiance; three sons - Louis of Omaha, Arthur of Des Moines, and August (Gus) of Harlan; five daughters - Estelle Quinn of Defiance, Jean (Mrs James Skinner) of Tacoma, Wash.; Mary (Mrs Vernon Miller) of Irwin, Rosalie (Mrs Don Bluell) of Madison, Wis., Linda (Mrs Eugene Schneuttgen) of Denison; 29 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Peter's church in Defiance, on Friday, Feb. 1, 1980, with Rev. Richard G. Wagner as celebrant & Rev. Fred. P. Reischl as concelebrant. Burial was in St. Peter's cemetery, Defiance, with Dan Quinn, Don Quinn, Mike Miller, Rick Miller, Dennis Quinn and Brian Chapin serving as pallbearers.