

George Martin Hastert, 40

George Martin Hastert, son of Mary F. Kaufman and August J. Hastert was born Feb. 23, 1941, near Panama. He died Saturday, Aug. 8, 1981 as a result of an auto accident in Boone County at age 40 years.

He was educated in the Panama schools. He farmed for a number of years near Panama before entering the U.S. Army for two years in 1963. On May 27, 1967, he married Harriet Bach in Logan and to this union two children were born. He has been employed with the Slater Utility Construction Company for the past 12 years. He was a member of the Madrid Catholic church.

He was preceded in death by his brother — August in 1972. Survivors include his son Brannon and daughter George Ann, both of Slater; his parents — August and Mary Hastert of Panama; three brothers, Jacob of Westphalia, Joseph and Christopher, both of Panama; three sisters, Anna (Mrs Delbert) Ruechenberg of Westphalia; Alice (Mrs Herman) Esser of Earling and Rita (Mrs William) Finken of Harlan; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's church in Panama on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 1981 with Rev. David T. Fenelon as celebrant. Burial was in the St. Mary's cemetery in Panama with Bob Hastert, David Finken, Bill Hastert, Ed, Mike and Jerry Ruechenberg, his nephews, serving as pallbearers.