

John P. Heese, 90

Earling — John Peter Heese, son of Henry and Mary A. Kuhl Heese, was born on a farm near Earling in Shelby county, on Nov. 18, 1887. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's church in Earling. He attended St. Joseph's school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm.

On Oct. 23, 1888, John married Dora L. Langenfeld at St. Joseph's church in Earling. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Heese made their home in Earling and John farmed near there. After Dora's death in Nov. of 1972, John continued to live in Earling. He became a resident of Little Flower Haven in April of 1973. This has been his home since that time.

He died at Myrtle Memorial hospital in Harlan, on Friday, Oct. 20, 1978, at age 90 years, 11 months and two days.

Mr Heese had been a life time member of St. Joseph's church in Earling and a long time member of the Holy Name Society. He was a 50 year member of the Earling Post No. 615, American Legion and a 4th Degree Member of the Luke E. Hart Assembly, Knights of Columbus and Chalice club member, both of Defiance.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by three brothers - Henry M., Peter C., and Charles Heese; and by three sisters - Kathryn Katzer, Sr. Laudina and Marie Heese. Survivors include a brother, Frank Heese of Earling; a sister, Bertha M. Heese of Omaha; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's church in Earling, on Monday, Oct. 23, 1978, with Rev. Jon Kautzky as celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, Earling with Al Heese, Lou Koch, Zeno Blum, Nick Heese, Owen Heese and Francis Heese serving as pallbearers.