

The Life Story of -

LEO O. KOCH, 76

PANAMA — Leo Otis Koch, son of Joseph and Clara Gelger Koch, was born Jan. 28, 1898 in Harlan. He died on Sept. 14, 1974 at Myrtue hospital at age 76 years, 7 months and 16 days. He was baptized at St. Michael's church in Harlan and at the age of 4 moved with his parents to Panama. He attended school in Panama and was confirmed there at St. Mary's church. On Jan. 20, 1926 he married Pauline Schulte at St. Joseph's church in Earling. To this union ten children were born. After their marriage Mr and Mrs Koch lived in Omaha, Nebr., for a few months before moving to their present home in Panama. Since moving to Panama he has been a member of St. Mary's church and was recently presented an Honorary Membership in the Earling Council No. 1741 Knights of Columbus as a 50 years member.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his daughter, Natalia and one brother, Ralph; and by two grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline; two daughters: Madonna (Mrs Bernard Feldman) and Mary Agnes (Mrs LeRoy Lampe) both of Omaha, Nebr., seven sons - Linus of Logan, Louis of Earling, Charles of West Des Moines, Rev Eugene of Mo. Valley, Rev Paul of Santa Cruz, Bolivia, Walter of Co. Bluffs and Richard of Sioux Falls, So. Dak.; 45 grandchildren; two great grandsons; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday Sept. 17, 1974 at St. Mary's church in Panama with Rev Paul Koch as celebrant. The principal concelebrant was Rev Eugene Koch and other priests of the Diocese were concelebrants. The homily was given by Rev Arthur L. McCann and final absolution was by Rev Frank Nugent, Vicar-general of the Diocese of Des Moines.

Pallbearers were: Bob Koch, Dan Koch, Roger Koch, Mike Lampe, Tom Feldman and Glen Koch, his grandsons. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery in Panama with pastor, Father Fred Reischl, officiating.