

Fred W. Koesters, 71

Earling - Frederick William Koesters, son of Anton and Mary Sasse Koesters, was born June 29, 1909 on his parent's farm north of Earling. He was baptized, received his First Communion and confirmation at St. Joseph's church in Earling. He graduated from St. Joseph's school and then worked with his brothers and was also employed as a trucker.

On Feb. 26, 1935, he married Martha Wingert in St. Joseph's church in Earling. Seven children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed north of Earling for 32 years. In 1967, they semi-retired and moved to Earling, where Mr Koesters owned and operated the Koesters Apartment Complex. He was a life long member of St. Joseph's church in Earling. He died at St. Joseph's hospital, Omaha, Neb., on Monday, Feb. 9, 1981, at age 71 years, 7 months and 10 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by six brothers, Joseph, Carl, John, Brother Macarius, Anton and Alious; three sisters, Anna Patten, Sister Rupert and Sister Cecil. Survivors include his wife, Martha of Earling; three sons, Albert of Crescent; Jerry of Gretna, Neb. and Dennis of Lewisville, Texas; four daughters, Rita (Mrs Dewey) Kohles of Omaha, Neb.; Mary Jane (Mrs Donald) Leistra of Waterloo, Neb.; Ruth (Mrs Phillip) Peterson of North Richland Hills, Texas and Linda (Mrs Dan) Weiland of Lewisville, Texas; 21 grandchildren and two great grandchildren; one sister, Sister Mary Koesters of Milwaukee, Wisc.; nieces, nephews and

other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's church, Earling on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1981 with Rev. LaVern Wingert as celebrant and Rev. Jon Kautzky as concelebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery with Jim Koesters, Joe Koesters, John Koesters, Bill Graeve, Troy Graeve and David Leistra serving as pallbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home of Harlan handled the arrangements.



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