

George J. Langenfeld, 91

WESTPHALIA — George Jacob Langenfeld, son of Nicholas and Katherine Krupp Langenfeld was born on a farm in Washington twp., Shelby county on April 26, 1888. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface church in Westphalia, he attended St. Joseph's school in Earling and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm.

On August 27, 1912, he married Anna Schmitz in St. Boniface church in Westphalia. 12 children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed north of Earling for a short time before moving to a farm near Westphalia. This was their home until 1946 when they moved to a farm on the north edge of Westphalia. They retired from farming in 1946 but continued to live on the farm. In 1962, they moved into Westphalia and this has been their home since that time.

George served as mayor of Westphalia for four years. He helped build the Shrine and statue of St. Isadore and the Convent in Westphalia. He served as director of the Co-op Store for six months and then as chairman for seven years. He was the Shelby County Assessor for 12 years and was Treasurer of the Westphalia Insurance Co. for eight years. George was chairman of the Shelby County Good Road Assn. and chrm. of the Earling Shipping Assn. He was a long time member of St. Boniface church and Holy Name Society in Westphalia and served as a church trustee for 25 years, plus donating many hours of work and material to the parish benches for church and school.

Mr Langenfeld died at Myrtle Memorial hospital in Harlan Thursday July 19, 1979, at age 91 years, two months and 23 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two daughters Althea & Irene, a son, Edwin; three brothers - Casper, John and Bill; and a sister, Clara. Survivors include his wife, Anna, of Westphalia; four sons - Leo of Harlan, Ray of Ute, Gregory of Dunlap and Linus of Dow City five daughters - Eulalia (Mrs Werner Gross) of Earling, Helen (Mrs Ben Siemer) of Dow City, Odelia (Mrs Norman Coenen) of Woodward, Clea (Mrs Carl Pitts) of Oskaloosa, and Theresa (Mrs Elmer Wageman) of Defiance; 55 grandchildren; 85 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson, by a brother, Fred of Wilmont, Calif., four sisters - Dora Gambree of Portland, Oreg., Wilhelmina (Mrs Carl Heese) of Earling, Odelia (Mrs Mike Schmidt) of Portsmouth, and Sr. Clarita of Chicago, Ill., nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Boniface church in Westphalia on Monday, July 23, 1979, with Rev. Michael Sims as celebrant and Rev. Adam Reisz and Rev. John Thomas as concelebrants. Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery, Westphalia with Bob Gross, Mike Pitts, Russ Coenen, Randy Feser, Don Wageman, Jim Langentfeld, Dave Langenfeld, and George Langenfeld, all grandsons of Mr Langenfeld, serving as pallbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of the services.