Lawrence A. Mueller, 64

Westphalia — Lawrence Anthony Mueller, son of Anton and Anna Anastasi Mueller was born in Nazareth, Tex., on June 15, 1913. He was baptized at the Holy Family church in Nazareth. At the age of four, he moved with his parents to Westphalia. He was confirmed at St. Boniface church in Westphalia. He attended St. Boniface school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm near Westphalia. On Nov. 26, 1930, he married Benita Marie Schwery at St. Boniface church in Westphalia. Eight children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Mueller farmed for a short time in Shelby county before moving into Westphalia, where Lawrence operated the South Side Tavern. In 1957 they moved to Harlan, where he operated the West Side Lounge. After his wife's death in Dec. of 1970, he continued to make his home in Harlan and due to ill health, retired in 1972. Mr Mueller died at the University Hospital in Omaha, Nebr., on Jan. 17, 1978, at age 64 years, seven months and two days. While in Westphalia, Mr Mueller was a member of St. Boniface church. After moving to Harlan, he became a member of St. Michael's church.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by two infant sons, Johnny and Cyril; two brothers, Aloysius and Joseph; and by a sister, Elizabeth. His survivors include three sons - Phillip of San Francisco, Calif., Kenneth of Manitowoc, Wisc., and Gary of Omaha; three daughters - Gladys (Mrs Gene) Miller and Marie (Mrs Melvin) Williams both of Omaha and Darlene (Mrs Bernard) Nollen of Harlan and 22 grandchildren, by two sisters -Mrs Louis Koesters of Earling and Mrs Ray Rau of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Michael's church in Harlan, on Saturday, Jan. 21, 1978 with Rev. Richard G. Wagner, as celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Thomas Rau, Gale Miller, John Koesters, Jerry Schomer, Elmer Schwery and Rodney Williams serving as casketbearers.