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Vitus A. Schiltz, 82

Vitus Alyious Schiltz, the son of Michael and Caroline Schechinger Schiltz, was born March 8, 1901, on a farm Northeast of Westphalia. He was baptized, received his First Communion and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic church in Westphalia. He attended St. Boniface Catholic school and helped on the family farm while growing to adulthood.

On Jan. 16, 1928, he married Margaret Greiner. Two children were born to this union. They both died at birth. Mrs Schiltz also died while giving birth to their second child on Nov. 20, 1933.

On Jan. 17, 1939, he married Adelaide Rosman at St. Peter's Catholic church in Defiance. Two children were born to this union. After marriage, they farmed in the Defiance, Portsmouth and Panama areas. In 1960, they moved to Harlan for a few years and in 1975, they moved to Mo., to be with their son. In 1980, they moved to Dunlap, where they lived at the Dunlap Care Center. This has been their home since that time.

He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic church in Dunlap. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Friday, April 22, 1983 at the age of 82 years, 1 month and 14 days.

In addition to his parent, first wife, and two children, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Joseph, Fr. Martin, Tony and Al and also three sisters Mary, Cecelia and Catherine.

He is survived by his wife Adelaide of Dunlap; one daughter, Jenene (Mrs Kenneth) Lapke of Dunlap; one son, Ronald of Sheldon, Mo.; ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren; two brothers, Msgr. Michael B. Schiltz of Earling, and Jacob of Dunlap, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Boniface church in Westphalia on Monday, April 25, 1983, with Msgr. Michael Schwarte as celebrant, and Rev. John F. Lorenz and Rev. James Freedman as concelebrants. Burial was in the St. Boniface cemetery at Westphalia with John Schiltz, Jim Schiltz, Steve Schiltz, David Lapke, Bob Lapke and Don Sonntag serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.