

Bernard Schmitz, 85

Bernard Hubert Schmitz, son of Anton and Anna Schaben Schmitz was born Dec. 13, 1896 on a farm in Westphalia twp., Shelby co. He was baptized, received his First Communion and confirmation at St. Boniface Catholic church in Westphalia. He attended St. Boniface Catholic school and grew to adulthood helping on the family farm.

On Aug. 2, 1921, Bernard married Eleanor Gubbels at St. Mary's Catholic church in Portsmouth. 11 children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in Lincoln twp. near Westphalia. This was their home for many years until retiring in 1972. They then moved into Westphalia and this has been their home since that time.

He was a member of St. Boniface Catholic church. He was also a former member of the Knights of Columbus, Earling Council No. 1741 and the Holy Name Society. He died at Myrtle Memorial hospital in Harlan on Oct. 27 having attained the age of 85 years.

In addition to his parents, Bernard was preceded in death by one son, Eugene and one daughter, Luana Schmitz; three brothers, Adolph, Leo and John and three sisters, Loretta, Cecilia and Mary.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor of Westphalia; three sons, Eldred of Westphalia, Lester of Portsmouth and LaVern of Defiance; six daughters, Sr. Bernice of Blair, Neb., Bernadette (Mrs Paul) Conkel of Columbus, Neb., Marceline (Mrs Francis) Bissen of Defiance, Luella Hull of Manning, Arlene Hodapp of Denver, Colo., and Sr. Lorraine of Omaha. 38 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren; one sister, Martha (Mrs Valentine) Schechinger of Harlan.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Boniface Catholic

church in Westphalia on Saturday, Oct. 30, 1982 with the Rev. John F. Lorenz as celebrant and the Rev. Daniel Galas, Rev. Vincent Rosonke, Rev. Richard Gubbels and Rev. Anthony Tresnak serving as concelebrants.

Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery with Greg Schmitz, Warren Hodapp, Cecil Schmitz, Sherman Conkel, Delbert Bissen, Robert Schmitz, Douglas Schmitz and Richard Schmitz serving as pallbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan handled the arrangements.

Wills Filed

SCHMITZ — Executor of the March 14, 1975 will of Bernard H. Schmitz, deceased, is Eleanor Schmitz, Westphalia.

Probate # 10110
Shelby Co, Iowa