

Eugene "Gene"

Stinn, 64

Eugene Edward Stinn, the son of Anthony and Josephine Schneider Stinn, was born May 3, 1919, at Earling. He was baptized, received his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling. Gene attended St. Joseph's Catholic school and graduated from St. Jospeh's high school in 1937.

On April 24, 1942, he was inducted into the U.S. Army. He served his country during WW II, as a Private First Class in the South Pacific. While in the Army, he received a good conduct ribbon, and also the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with on Bronze Star. After receiving his Honorable discharge on June 1, 1945, he returned to Earling.

On May 1, 1945, he married Verna Schafer at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama. After their marriage, they lived in Earling, where he worked a short time as a carpenter. In 1951, he took over the duties as the Earling Postmaster. He held this position until he retired in 1979.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling, Knights of Columbus Council No. 1741 of Earling, Earling businessmen's club, American Legion Post 615 of Earling, V.F.W. Post 941 of Harlan, the National League of Postmasters, Earling Volunteer Fire Department, Earling Commercial club and was honored as the Earling Citizen of the year in 1975. He died at Veteran's hospital in Omaha on Sunday, Oct. 2, 1983 at the age of 64 years, 4 months and 30 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Richard, Gerald and Raymond; and two sisters, Ruth and Delores. He is survived by his wife, Verna of Earling; three brothers, Alfred "Al" of Panama, Vincent of Earling and Robert of Omaha, Neb .: two sisters, Marie Stinn of Winnebago, Neb. and Mildred (Mrs Don) Weiskercher of Manning; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling on Oct. 5, 1983 with the Rev. Tom DeCarlo as celebrant and the Rev. Adam Reisz as the Concelebrant. Burial was in the St. Joseph's cemetery, Earling, with Dean Stinn, Maurice Stinn, David Weiskircher, Robert Schafer, Nick Schafer Jr. and Doug Schafer serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.