



Lawrence J. Thraen, 68

Earling — Lawrence John Thraen son of Anton C. and Mary Ellen McCabes Thraen was born on a farm in Shelby county near Westphalia on Sept. 24, 1910. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface church in Westphalia.

He attended St. Boniface school. He moved with his parents to Panama for a short while and then returned to Westphalia where he grew to adulthood. On Nov. 23, 1936, he married Lavina Scheuring at St. Joseph's church in Earling. Four children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Thraen made their home on a farm near Earling. Mr Thraen retired from farming in 1972 but continued to make his home on the farm.

He died at St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha, Nebr., Sunday, Nov. 5, 1978, at age 68 years, one month and 11 days.

Mr Thraen had been a long time member of St. Joseph's church in Earling and was a member of the Earling Council No. 1741, Knights of Columbus. He was also a 4th Degree Member of the Luke E. Hart General Assembly, Knights of Columbus and its Chalice club, both of Defiance.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers - Arthur, Tony and Frank; and a sister. His survivors include his wife, Lavina, of Earling; two sons - John of Earling and Joseph of Carroll; two daughters - Mary (Mrs Bill Andersen) of Omaha and Myra (Mrs John Buman) of Harlan; and by 17 grandchildren; by four brothers - Joseph and LaVerne, both of Omaha, Ambrose of Harlan and Leo of Garden Grove, Calif.; a sister, Josephine (Mrs William Rail) of Omaha; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's church in Earling on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1978, with Rev. Jon Kautzky as celebrant and the Rev. Ed Scheuring and the Rev. Ed Kelly as concelebrants. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery with John Buman, John Thraen, Joseph Thraen, Bill Andersen, Bernie Wilwerding and Edward Wilwerding serving as pallbearers.