

Johnnie Erlbacher, 84

March 16, 1922 - Feb. 8, 2007

EARLING — Johnnie J. Erlbacher was born March 16, 1922, to John and Rose (Wilwerding) Erlbacher in Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and remained a member there throughout his life. He attended St. Joseph Catholic School in Earling through the eighth grade. After his schooling, he began farming in the Earling area. Johnnie farmed for his entire life. During his marriage, he was blessed with three sons, Dale, Glen, and Russ, and a daughter, Donna Jean. He became a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council Number 1741 in Earling. He moved to Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling and it was there that he died Feb. 8, 2007, at age 84 years, 10 months, and 23 days.

Johnnie was preceded in death by his parents, John and Rose Erlbacher; his daughter, Donna Jean Erlbacher; his brothers and sisters, Jacob Erlbacher, Elmer Erlbacher, LeVerne Erlbacher, Marie Stolz, Leonard "Wimpy" Erlbacher, and Pat Malone. He is survived by his three sons, Dale (Donna) Erlbacher of Denison; Glen (Joyce) Erlbacher of West Palm Beach, FL, and Russ Erlbacher, also of West Palm Beach, FL; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his sisters, Irene Kenkel of Harlan; Rita Briggs of Audubon; and Ella Mae Darnell of Elgin, IL; his companion, Therese Scheuring of Defiance; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Feb. 10, 2007, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev Michael Berner celebrating. Casket bearers were Ed Erlbacher, Cody Erlbacher, Charles Erlbacher, Tim Erlbacher, Donnie Assmann and Dean Erlbacher. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

