

Robert L. Sonderman, 63

July 23, 1939 - Sept. 23, 2002

EARLING - Robert "Bob" Lee Sonderman was born to Albert and Dorothy (Rosman) Sonderman at Harlan. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and was a graduate of St. Joseph's Catholic High School in Earling. Following graduation, he worked construction in Omaha, NE, until entering the Army in 1960.

Feb. 24, 1962, Bob married Diane Rutherford in Manilla. To this union six children were born. They resided in Omaha following their wedding where Bob was employed in banking. In 1963, they moved back to a farm near Earling and began farming. They remained there until 1976 when they moved to the family farm. In addition to farming, Bob fed cattle and sold for Renze Seed Company for 35 years. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, Earling Council No. 1741. Bob died Sept. 18, 2002, at Little Flower Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Earling, at age 63 years, one month and 26 days.

He was preceded in death by his father, Albert Sonderman, and grandson, Justin Assmann. He is survived by his wife, Diane Sonderman of Earling; children, Curtis Sonderman of Earling; Christine (Larry) Assmann of Panama; Corey Sonderman of Earling; Chad Sonderman (Jenny) of Earling; Clint Sonderman (Keri) of Earling and Chantel Sonderman of Earling; his mother, Dorothy Sonderman of Earling; five grandchildren, Joshua, Taylor, Chelsea, Payton and Sidney; brother and sisters, Pauline (Ronald) Wilwerding of Omaha, NE; Pat (Bob) Gross of Omaha, NE; Sara (Rick) Graeve of Omaha, NE; Connie (Tim) Cumberland of Columbus, NE; Sam Sonderman (Shiela) of Earling and Jaci (Gerald) Bogler of Earling; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 23, 2002, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Norman Schmitz, Roger Schmitz, George Kenkel, Jim Buman, Delbert Bruck and Marvin Musich honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Doug Wilwerding, Steve Graeve, Jeff Gross, Jason Cumberland, Nick Cumberland, Mike Sonderman and Brandon Bogler, Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

