

1984 **Bernard R. Ahart, 77**

Bernard Raymond Ahart, the son of Thomas and Anna Honz Ahart, was born Dec. 25, 1906, on a farm near Dow City. He was baptized, received his First Communion and was confirmed at the Catholic church at Buck Grove. He attended grade school and high school in Dow City and graduated from Dow City high school in the class of 1925. After school, he continued to live and help on his parents farm.

On Sept. 9, 1930, he married Dora T. Erlbacher at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling. After their marriage, they lived north of Earling, for many years. In 1948, they moved into Earling and he continued to farm for a few more years. After retiring in the early 1950's he and Dora continued to live in Earling. After Mrs Ahart died on Nov. 17, 1972, he continued to live in Earling.

On Dec. 28, 1974, he married Eleanor Gross Wilwerding at St. Bernard's Catholic church in Omaha. After their marriage they made their home in Earling, where they have currently been living.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic church of Earling. He was also a member of Earling Knights of Columbus Council 1741, the Earling Volunteer Fire Department and also Luke E. Hart General Assembly, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus of Defiance. He died at Bergan Mercy hospital in Omaha on Saturday, March 30, 1984 at the age of 77 years, 3 months and 5 days.

In addition to his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by four brothers, George, Lynn, Leo and Theodore. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor of Earling; four step sons, Jack and Ronald Wilwerding, both of Omaha, Gail Wilwerding of Davenport, Larry Wilwerding of Co. Bluffs; two step daughters, Ella Mae (Mrs Robert) Van Maren of Falls Church, Va. and Jean (Mrs Gene) Smith of Woodbine; 25 step grandchildren and five step great grandchildren; two sisters, Dorothy Collins and Rena Colby, both of Arnes, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling on Monday, April 2, 1984 with Rev. Greg Leach as the celebrant and Rev. Jim Freeman as the concelebrant.

Burial was in the St. Joseph's cemetery, Earling, with Tom VanMaren, Eric Sandbothe, Lee Wilwerding, Dave Wilwerding, Bob Christiansen, and Curtiss Wilwerding serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.