

# Alfred J. Bruck, 57

**Earling** — Alfred Jacob Bruck, son of Charles and Margaret (Blum) Bruck was born on a farm in Shelby county near Earling on Aug. 23, 1920. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling. He attended St. Joseph's school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. On Aug. 10, 1942, he married Mildred Schneider in St. Boniface church in Westphalia. Six children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Bruck farmed near Dow City for 32 years. They retired from the farm and moved into Earling in 1976. This has been his home since that time.

Alfred died at the Bishop Clarkson Memorial hospital in Omaha, Nebr., on Feb. 20, 1978 at age 57 years, 5 months and 27 days. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic church and the Holy Name Society in Earling.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph and by his grandparents. His survivors include his wife, Mildred, of Earling; four sons - William of Dow City, Ronald of Harlan, Gary of Garland, Tex. and Donald of Earling; two daughters - Patricia (Mrs John Blankman) of Dow City and Shirley (Mrs Dan Grote) of Earling; and nine grandchildren, by his parents, Mr and Mrs Charles Bruck of Earling; a sister, Mary Ann (Mrs Bud Schwery) of Panama; four brothers - Leonard of Portsmouth, LaVern of Irwin and Gerald and Richard, both of Earling; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's church in Earling on Thursday, Feb. 23, 1978 with Rev. Jon Kautzky as celebrant and Rev. Donald Bruck as concelebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery in Earling with Rick Bruck, Bruce Bruck, Robin Bruck, Wayne Bruck, Bill Schwery and Raymond Bruck serving as pallbearers.