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Henry Dressen, 72

Henry Dressen, the son of William and Philomena Nowatzke Dressen was born July 21, 1901 on a farm near Earling. He was baptized, received his First Communion and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling. He also attended St. Joseph's Catholic school and grew to adulthood while helping on the family farm.

On Nov. 20, 1934, he married Elizabeth Rosman at St. Peter's Catholic church in Defiance. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, they operated his parents farm, until they moved and bought a farm in 1944 near Defiance. In 1951, they moved into Defiance where he then owned and operated the Dressen Seed Service. In 1971, they moved to Harlan and he continued to operate the seed service. Harlan has been their home since that time. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Philip; four sisters, Kathryn, Marie, Julia and Elizabeth and two brothers, Chris and William. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth of Harlan; two daughters, Audrey (Mrs Victor) Chigas of Glenview, Ill. and Margaret Lee (Mrs Herman) Hunter of Los Angeles, Calif.; nine grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Aug. 5, 1983 at St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan with Rev. David Polich, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, Harlan, with Dan Heller, Jack Kenkel, Ivo Wilwerding, Walter Krantz, Larry Dressen and John Assmann serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.