

William F. Gross, 80

Earling — William Frank Gross, son of Frank and Bertha Rueschenberg Gross, was born Oct. 3, 1900 on a farm near Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's church, Earling, and attended school at St. Joseph's school. He grew to adulthood on his parents farm near Earling.

On April 23, 1929, he married Loretta Freund in St. Joseph's church in Earling. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Earling. In 1969, they retired and moved into Earling, where they have lived ever since. He was a member of St. Joseph's church and a past member of The Knights of Columbus, Earling Council No. 1741. He died at Bishop Clarkson Memorial hospital in Omaha, Neb., on Monday, Oct. 13, 1980, ten days after his 80th birthday.

In addition to his parents, William was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph and Dr. Alvin Gross and one sister, Frances Mumm. Survivors include his wife, Loretta of Earling; four sons - Don of Omaha, Neb., Bernard of Cedar Rapids, Francis of Omaha, Neb., and Melvin of Earling; one daughter, Delores (Mrs Leonard) Sextro of Manning; 12 grandchildren; four brothers - John of Earling, Matt of Portsmouth, Virgil of Salina, Kans., and Ray of Earling; two sisters, Mary (Mrs Math) Freund and Ella Ahart, both of Earling and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's church in Earling, on Thursday, Oct. 16, 1980, with Rev. Jon Kautzky as celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery in Earling with Tim Erlbacher, Denny Freund, Von Gross, Jerome Mumm, Chuck Freund and Jerry Gross serving as pallbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home, Harlan, was in charge of the arrangements.