

John P. Kenkel, 78

John Peter Kenkel, the son of Nicholas P. and Cunegunda L. Lohneis Kenkel was born Jan. 12, 1905, on a farm near Earling. He was baptized at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling and received his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama. He attended St. Mary's Catholic school in Panama.

He grew to adulthood helping on his parents farm. After school, he helped his father in an implement and plumbing business and also at a service station business for several years. He then worked as a farm hand for several area farmers and retired in 1975. He then made his home in the Harlan area, until he became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn in 1982. This has been his home since that time.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Sunday, Oct. 9, 1983 at the age of 78 years, 8 months and 28 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Cecilia, and his brother-in-law, Romaldus "Mal" Stolz. He is survived by his sister, Mary (Mrs Romaldus) Stolz of Panama; cousins and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1983, with Rev. David Fenelon as the celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Panama with Roger Paul, Ray Wingert, John Tremel, Mark Kenkel, Gerald Reinig and Silverius Muenchrath serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.
