

# Carl Stessman, 87

Carl Stessman, son of John and Bertha Schneider Stessman, was born July 12, 1896, on a farm near Earling. He was baptized, received his First Communion and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling. He attended country school and grew to adulthood on the family farm.

On Sept. 5, 1918, he was inducted into the U.S. Army. He served his country during W.W. I, as a Private First Class in Company M of the 88th Infantry. Upon his Honorable Discharge on Jan. 18, 1919, Carl returned to Earling and farmed with his brother, Al.

On Jan. 27, 1927, he married Josephine Kenkel at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling. Nine children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Earling for many years. In 1955, they sold their farm and built a new home in Earling, but he continued to farm for a few more years. On Oct. 11, 1961, Mrs Stessman died and he continued to live in Earling until 1963, when he moved to Westphalia, where he made his home near his daughter, Margaret. This was his home until June 1981, when he became a resident of the Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling. This has been his home since that time.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling and also American Legion Post No. 615 of Earling. He died at the Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling on Sept. 5, 1983 at the age of 87 years, 1 month and 24 days.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two daughters, Leora and Mary; two sons, Victor and Robert; two grandsons, Bernard and Paul Stessman; four brothers, Al, John, Lawrence and Joseph; and one sister, Josephine.

He is survived by three sons, John of Harlan, Charles of Des Moines and Albert of Waterloo; two daughters, Margaret (Mrs Elmer) Schechinger of Westphalia; and Dorothy (Mrs Richard) Teatsworth of Milwaukee, Oreg.; 29 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and six foster great grandchildren; three brothers, Frank, Leonard and Adolph, all of Earling; three sisters, Clara (Mrs John) Bormann of St. Joe; Sr. Thea O.S.F. of Milwaukee, Wisc. and Veronica Stessman of Earling; nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.