

Frederick W. Stessman, 81

Frederick William Stessman, the son of Theodore and Bertha Huetteman Stessman, was born April 20, 1902, on a farm in Grove twp., Shelby co. 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 and grew to adulthood helping on his parents farm. After school, he worked a few years for Emmesback Pibg. Co.

On Nov. 18, 1925, he married Caroline Willmes at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama. Ten children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Panama for 40 years. After retiring in 1967 they moved into Panama. This has been their home since that time.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church and also senior citizens, both in Panama. He died at Jennie Edmundson Memorial hospital in Co. Bluffs on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1983 at the age of 81 years, 5 months and 7 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Eleanore and one brother, Adolph. He is survived by his wife, Caroline of Panama; four sons, David of Defiance, Frederick Jr. of Sheboygan, Wis., and both, Dennis and Duane of Omaha, Neb.; six daughters, Rosemary (Mrs Sam) Mangiameli of Omaha, Charlene (Mrs Allan) Twark of Kent, Ohio, Jeanette (Mrs Richard) Bolamperti of Omaha, Colleen (Mrs Lary) Graeve of Sun Prairie, Wis., Carolyn (Mrs Henry) Nykaza of Indianapolis, Ind. and Joan (Mrs Claudia) Gonzalez of Atlanta, Ga.

Also, 31 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; four brothers, Alfred of Panama, Ted of Omaha, Leo of Mo. Valley and Robert of Des Moines; five sisters, Antonette (Mrs Charles) Croghan of Montibello, Calif.; S. Theonilla of Atchison, Kans., Mrs Frances Tamisea of Omaha, Agnes (Mrs Elmer) Herbst of Panama and Genevieve (Mrs Franklin) Oppold of Panama; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Friday, Sept. 30, 1983 at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama with Rev. David Fenelon as the celebrant and Rev. Gerald Stessman and Archbishop Leo Arkfeld as concelebrants. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Panama with Brad Graeve, Dan Herbst, Tim Oppold, Larry Stessman, Alvin Stessman and Allan Zimmerman serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.