

Andrew J. Thraen, 74

Harlan — Andrew John Thraen, son of Henry and Mary Stolz Thraen was born on a farm in Shelby county near Westphalia on Jan. 6, 1904. He was baptized at St. Boniface church in Westphalia. At the age of 9, he moved with his parents to Osmond, Nebr., and this was his home until age 14 when the family returned to Shelby county settling at Portsmouth, where he grew to adulthood. In 1934 he moved to Kirkman. On Febr. 21, 1935, he married Mary Schleimer at St. Peter's church in Defiance. Four sons were born to this union.

After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Thraen made their home at Fiscus for a year before moving to a farm near Irwin. In 1940 they moved to a farm near Portsmouth and this was their home until moving to Kirkman in 1949. Andrew retired from farming in 1968 but continued to live on the farm until 1973 when they moved to Harlan. This has been his home

since that time. Mr Thraen died at Mercy hospital in Co. Bluffs, on June 10, 1978, at age 74 years, 5 months and four days. He was a long time member of St. Michael's church in Harlan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters - Eleanor Schleimer and Amelia Heese. His survivors include his wife, Mary, of Harlan; four sons - Marvin of Kirkman, Howard and Gary, both of Harlan and Kenneth of Kennewick, Washington and nine grandchildren; by three brothers - Henry Thraen of Earling, Alfred Thraen of Columbus, Nebr. Ralph Thraen of Murray Hill, N.J. 6 sisters - Josephine (Mrs Frank Schleimer) of Harlan, Magdalene (Mrs Owen Talley) of Chandler, Okla., Clara (Mrs Everette Inman) of Atlantic, Irene (Mrs Gaillard Tank) of Columbus, Nebr., Mary (Mrs Paul Ryterske) of Racine, Wisc., and Evelyn (Mrs Ray Kenkel) of Co. Bluffs; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Michael's church in Harlan on Tuesday, June 13, 1978, with Rev. Richard Wagner as celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Joe Kenkel, Alvin Bauer, Lowell Howe, Forrest Adams, Leonard Klein and Edwin D. Olson serving as casketbearers.