

# Rudy <sup>1979</sup> Zimmerman, 78

Harlan — Rudy Zimmerman, son of Emil and Mary Gross Zimmerman, was born on a farm in Shelby county near Westphalia, on Aug. 12, 1900. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface church in Westphalia. He attended St. Boniface school until the age of 12 when he moved with his parents to a farm near Buck Grove. He then attended Crawford county schools and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. After completing his schooling, he worked with his father on the farm for several years.

On Sept. 7, 1926, he married Magdalene Wilwerding in St. Joseph's church in Earling. Six children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Buck Grove until 1955 when they moved to a farm near Defiance. They retired from farming in 1962 and moved to Harlan, which has been their home since that time. Rudy has worked as night watchman for Mickel's Restaurant in Harlan since 1971. They were privileged to celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary last fall. Rudy was a member of St. Michael's church in Harlan.

He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on March 25, 1979, at age 78 years, 7 months and 13 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by an infant daughter. Survivors include his wife, Lena, of Harlan; four sons - Leo of Griswold, Alfred of Reliance, So. Dak., Urban of Madison, Wisc., and Joseph of Belleville, Ill.; a daughter, Janice (Mrs Thomas Thompson) of Norfolk, Neb.; 20 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren, by two brothers - Tony Zimmerman of Earling and Ed Zimmerman of Denison; a sister, Johanna Koesters of Earling; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Michael's church in Harlan on Thursday, March 29, 1979 with Rev. Richard G. Wagner as celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery in Earling with Jim, Brian, Jerry, Steve, Wayne and Charles Zimmerman serving as pallbearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of the services.

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