

Michael Albert Assmann, 89

Sept. 19, 1928 - April 2, 2018

EARLING - Michael Albert Assmann was born September 19, 1928, at the family farm in Panama, the son of Anton and Catherine (Huebert) Assmann. He was baptized in the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. He grew up attending country school and then later attending the Catholic School in Panama, graduating with the Class of 1946. After graduation, he answered the call to serve his country during the Korean Conflict in the United States Army. He was honorably



discharged as a Sergeant in July of 1956. On September 6, 1954, he was united in marriage to Mary Ann Thraen at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. To this union, nine children were born, Helen, Linda, Thomas, Susan, William, Carol, Jane, Robert, and Keith.

Mike and Mary Ann made their home in Earling on their farm. Mike was a master of many trades, farming, milking cows, raising livestock, welding, gardening and raising their nine children. They farrowed pigs, and the children remember scooping out barns on more than one occasion! *Once in a while, as a punishment, you may have to clean the chicken coop.* He enjoyed tending the soil and harvesting the produce of their large family garden. Mike also enjoyed hunting, fishing, dancing, and bowling when time allowed. His devout faith in his creator God and savior Jesus Christ began at St. Mary's Catholic Church and school in Panama, and he continued his celebration at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, and St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. He was a member of the American Legion in Earling for many years. In 2007, Mike and Mary Ann sold their farm and moved to Harlan where they lived. In 2016, they moved to Clarinda to be near their daughter Susan.

Left to cherish the memory of a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather is his loving wife of 63 years, Mary Ann Assmann of Clarinda; his nine children, Helen Johnson and husband Wayne of Nevada; Linda Wilson and husband Jerry of Pickerington, OH; Thomas Assmann of Bettendorf; Susan Bond and husband Terry of Clarinda; William Assmann and wife Carol of Chevy Chase, MD; Carol Anderson and Greg Hoff of Tulsa, OK; Jane Scudder and husband Michael of Peculiar, MO; Robert Assmann and wife Ginger of Ankeny; and Keith Assmann and wife Nicole of Colorado Springs, CO; 19 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren; along with many other relatives and friends.

Preceding Mike in death are his parents, Anton and Catherine Assmann; his brother, Leonard Assmann; three sisters, Dorothy Katzer, Mildred Assmann, and Helen Assmann.

Mike was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and steward of the land.

The family will cherish the memories of his silly jokes and stories, evening ice cream cones served with a table knife, cracking walnuts, and playing with baby pigs. May he be at peace in God's loving care.

An 11 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. John Frost on Friday, April 6, 2018 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Michael Assmann, Nicholas Wilson, Jacob Anderson, Matthew Peake, David Furst, Hagan Assmann, Joshua Scudder, and Allan Assmann served as casket bearers. Military Rites were conducted by Earling American Legion Post No. 615 at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling where interment was held.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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