

Darrell Blum, 60

Jan. 29, 1951 - March 25, 2011

EARLING — Darrell Joseph

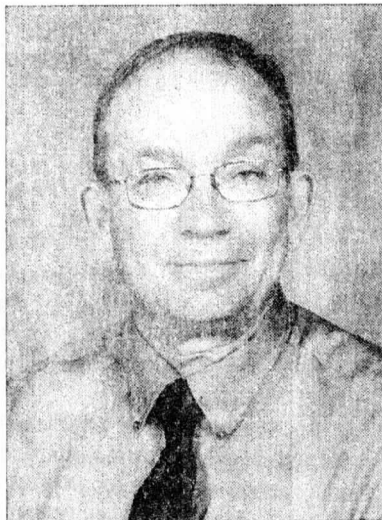
Blum was born on January 29, 1951, in Council Bluffs, to Zeno and Marie (Heese) Blum. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. He attended school at St. Joseph's Catholic School and Harlan High School where he graduated with the Class of 1969. He completed one year of college at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls.

Darrell was united in marriage on December 29, 1973 to Betty Maiwald at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Four children were born to this union: David, Douglas, Todd, and Melissa. He was a member of the Army National Guard Company C 133rd infantry from Ida Grove, was a co-owner of the Earling Grain and Feed and farmed in the Earling area. He was a member of Farm Bureau and served as chairman of the St. Joseph School Board. He loved participating in the farm talk at the elevator, anything John Deere, and golf. Darrell died suddenly on Friday, March 25, 2011 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE.

Darrell was preceded in death by his infant son Todd and his father. He is survived by his wife Betty Blum of Earling; his children: David Blum and his wife Angela of Ankeny, Douglas Blum and his wife Anika also of Ankeny, and Melissa and her husband Simon McNair of Huntington Beach, CA; four grandchildren: Benjamin, Sean, Nicholas, and Allison; mother Marie Blum of Earling; sister Nancy Gaul of Harlan; brothers: Steve Blum and his wife Marcia of Omaha, NE, Phil Blum and his wife Janet of Earling, Jeff Blum and his wife Judi of Ames, and Patrick Blum of Freeport, IL; other family members and many friends.

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Rev. Chris Fontanini celebrated the 11:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Serving as casket bearers were Kerry Gaul, Aaron Gaul, Dan Blum, Darin Blum, Marc Blum, and Brad Blum with interment held at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling.



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