

Emil Blum, 71

March 13, 1938 - July 22, 2009

OMAHA — Emil Joseph John Blum was born on March 13, 1938, and was the seventh child born to Martin "Chris" and Eleanor (Pauley) Blum on the family farm southwest of Panama. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama and graduated from St. Mary's High School in Panama with the class of 1955. After high school, Emil continued his education at Loras College in Dubuque. After school, Emil enlisted in the United States Army at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. After completing furlough, Emil was transferred to Fort Knox, KY, on August 29, 1959. Emil was honorably discharged from the United States



Army Reserve on June 14, 1961. After returning from the service, Emil worked on the family farm for two years before selling the farm on December 20, 1963. In early 1964, Emil moved to Omaha, NE, where he kept a simple apartment but often made the trip back to Panama to visit his parents. Years later, Emil continued to make the trip back to Panama to visit his brother Charley and sister Alice who would help Emil with his personal and business needs. Emil was found on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at his apartment in Omaha, having attained the age of seventy-one years, four months, and nine days.

Emil is preceded in death by his parents; his brother Vernon and his sisters: Virginia, Mary and Audrey. He is survived by his siblings: Chris Blum, Jr. and his wife Pat of Portsmouth; Charles Blum of Panama; Sister Joyce Blum of Spencer; Alice and her husband Jerry Zimmerman of Minden; Jean and her husband Leroy Heese of Defiance; Judy and her husband Fred Clark of Omaha, NE; his brothers-in-law: Louis Wingert of Panama and Dennis Smith of Plattsmouth, NE; nieces; nephews; other family members; classmates and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, July 25, 2009, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Rev. Bob Shoemann celebrated the 10:00 AM service with Rev. John Dorton concelebrating. Interment was held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama with Emil's nieces and nephews serving as casket bearers.

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