

## Christian Joseph Blum, 83

Feb. 13, 1934 - June 5, 2017

**PANAMA** – Christian Joseph Blum, son of Martin Chris and Elenora (Pauley) Blum, was born February 13, 1934. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Panama for grade school and high school. Chris was confirmed at St. Mary's of Assumption in Panama, where he remained a member his whole life.

Chris enlisted in the Army on October 4, 1954 and was stationed in Germany as an Anti-Aircraft Artillery Crewman. He also served in the Korean War before his Honorable discharge on July 7, 1956. Chris received the Army of Occupation Medal (Germany) and the Good Conduct Medal.

Chris married Patricia Freund on August 21, 1956 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. To this union, seven children were born.

He began to work on the family farm in Portsmouth in 1956, as well as driving truck. Chris and Pat moved to Harlan in 2008, but continued to work on the family farm. Chris didn't retire until October 2016 when he could no longer drive.

Chris died on Monday, June 5, 2017 at Myrtue Medical Center, attaining the age of 83 years, three months and 23 days. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings Vernon (Irene) Blum; Virginia (Louis) Wingert; Mary Blum; Emil Blum; and Audrey Smith.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Blum of Harlan; children Dean (Bracinda) Blum of Woodbine; Connie (Al) Tielebein of Norwalk; Janet (Dan) Hansen of Earling; JoAnn (Monte) Hubbard of Wheatland, WY; Karen Blum of Chicago, IL; Sue Kratky of Fairway, KS; Kenny (Mae) Blum of Woodbine; 16 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; siblings Charles Blum of Panama; Sr. Joyce Blum of Panama; Alice (Jerry) Zimmerman of Minden; Jeanne (LeRoy) Heese of Defiance; and Judy Clark of Omaha, NE.

A 2 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. David Smith S.J. and concelebrated by Rev. Paul Koch on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at the St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Tiffanie Schut, Amanda Smith, Gina Rodgers, Candi Peteler, Taylor Neubauer, Christy Steele and Alyssa Blum served as honorary casket bearers. Shadon Blum, Rusty Blum, Travis Blum, Troy Hubbard, Zach Blum, Owen Kratky, Scotty Blum, Ben Hansen and Jason Hubbard served as casket bearers. Military Rites were conducted by Panama American Legion Post No. 601 at the St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



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