

Raymond Coenen, 85

April 7, 1929 - Jan. 31, 2006

OMAHA, NE — Raymond Peter Coenen, son of Henry and Agnes Stoll Coenen, was born April 7, 1920, on the family farm near Westphalia. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. He began school at country school and later attended St. Boniface Catholic School, graduating in 1938.

Sept. 30, 1941, Ray married Irene Musich at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Thirteen children were born to this union. After their marriage, the couple farmed near Panama for four years, before they moved to a farm in the Westphalia area and eventually relocated to the Coenen family farm. In the spring of 1973, they moved to Dunlap, and purchased the Dunlap Locker. In 1983 Ray moved to Minnesota and later re-located to Omaha, due to health reasons. Early in life, Ray came to appreciate working with livestock particularly draft work horses and attending livestock shows. Ray died Jan. 31, 2006, at Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha, NE at age 85 years, nine months and 24 days.

In addition to his parents, Raymond was preceded in death by his wife, Irene Coenen. Survivors include his children, Kathleen (Jeff) Marxen of Omaha, NE; Shirley (Gary) Lee of Wilmington, OH; Roger (Chris) Coenen of Boynton Beach, FL; Ray (Patricia) Coenen of Omaha, NE; Mary Lou (Wendell) Riley of Spirit Lake; Michael (Laura) Coenen of Omaha, NE; Theresa (Tim) Corrigan of Littleton, CO; Martha (Duane) Finken of Earling; Denice Coenen of Omaha, NE; Sharon (Craig) Mitchell of Dunlap; Lois Coenen of Niwot, CO; Dean (Nancy) Coenen of Omaha, NE; Margie (Bob) Heffernan of Woodbine; 29 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Bernice Stracke of Harlan; Kenneth (Verena) Coenen of Harlan; Henry (Dorothy) Coenen, Jr. Woodbine; Marilyn (Walt) Rauterkus of Omaha, NE and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 4, 2006, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia with Rev. Paul Strittmatter celebrant and Rev. John Dorton concelebrant. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery with Tom Coenen, Patrick Corrigan, Rodney Hunt, Ben Coenen, Tim Mitchell, Brad Coenen, John Coenen, Nathan Lee, Mark Heller, Ryan Finken, and Will Coenen casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

