

## Richard Erlbacher, 69

*Oct. 25, 1936 - Oct. 6, 2006*

**EARLING** — Richard Joseph Erlbacher, son of Leonard J. And Valeria M. (Koesters) Erlbacher, was born Oct. 25, 1936, in Earling. Richard was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and attended the St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling graduating with the class of 1954. After high school, he served his country in the National Guard and later helped take care of his father and uncle while they were ill.

Sept. 8, 1973, Dick married Pamela Jean Petersen at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Missouri Valley. Three girls were born to this union, Amy, Erin, and Erica. After their marriage, Richard farmed on the family farm until illness led to his retirement. Dick became a resident of Little Flower Haven in August of 2003 and lived there until his death at Myrtue Medical Center Oct. 6, 2006, at age 69 years, 11 months, and 11 days.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Valeria Erlbacher. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Pamela Erlbacher of Earling; his daughters, Amy (Tony) Cavanaugh and their son, Xavier, of Harlan; Erin (Joshua) Peterson and their children, Jace, Ellie, and Jett, of Avoca; and Erica (Randy) Buck and their children, Brayden and Halle, of Maryville, MO; his sisters, Mick (Al) Graeve of Earling; Grace Heese of Earling; Joanne (Dennis) Kohles of Earling; his brothers, Don Erlbacher (Mary) of Omaha, NE and Bill Erlbacher (Joanie) of Earling; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 9, 2006, by Rev. Tom Coenen and Rev. Michael Berner at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery with Xavier Cavanaugh, Joshua Peterson, Tony Cavanaugh, Jett Peterson, Jace Peterson, Ellie Peterson, Halle Buck, Brayden Buck and Randy Buck honorary casket bearers and Glenn Kohles, Steve Erlbacher, Doug Graeve, Bill Heese, Dave Erlbacher and Andrew Morton casket bearers, Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements

