



Raymond J. Finken, 76

March 25, 1919 - Jan. 19, 1996

EARLING - Raymond Joseph Finken, son of Nicholas and Anna Bieker Finken, was born March 25, 1919 near Earling. He died Jan. 19, 1996 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 76 years nine months and 25 days. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and graduated from St. Joseph's High School with the class of 1937.

May 1, 1954 he married

Florence Nebel at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids, NE. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage they made their home on a farm south of Earling. They lived there until 1989, when they moved into Earling. In addition to farming, he was employed at various times through the years at Finken Hatchery in Harlan, Thrasher Feed and Farm Supply in Earling and Dubuque Packing Company in Denison. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and the Knights of Columbus, Earling Council No. 1741.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Daniel, Jan. 3, 1994; five brothers, Larry, Walt, Mark, Albert "Rusty", Frank, and one sister, Elsie Assman. Surviving him are his wife, Florence of Earling; his two daughters, Mary Gaul (Jeff) of Co. Bluffs and Carol Henderson (Gerry) of Crescent; five grandchildren; one brother, Victor Finken (Joy) of Earling; two sisters, Elvira Miller of Earling and Mildred Ritz of Hesperia, CA; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Jan. 22, 1996 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Chuck Kottas celebrant and Rev. Eugene Klein concelebrating. Burial was held in St. Joseph's Cemetery with Ken Finken, Michael Nebel, Bob Bissen, Duane Finken, Don Vana and Keith Finken casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.