

LaVerne M. Foxhoven, 86

July 5, 1914 - Feb. 13, 2001

EARLING – LaVerne Michael "Foxy" Foxhoven was born July 5, 1914, to Anna (Kuhl) and John Foxhoven on a farm near Defiance, and was one of eight children born to the family. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, and attended school in Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Defiance.

Feb. 23, 1943, he married Odelia Gaul at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. To this union five children were born. After their marriage, the couple farmed in the Portsmouth, Westphalia, Defiance and Earling vicinities. LaVerne retired in 1979. LaVerne was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and was a 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus No. 1741 of Earling. He also was a member of Woodman of the World. He became a resident of Elm Crest in June of 2000. He died Feb. 13, 2001, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 86 years, seven months and eight days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Odelia Foxhoven Oct. 19, 1996; one brother, Clarence; two sisters, Elvera Foxhoven and LuRene Olson; and one granddaughter, Toni Marie Kenkel. He is survived by his children, Kenneth Foxhoven (Jane) of Earling; Joyce (David) Kenkel of Panama; Gail Foxhoven (Betty) of Earling; Lyn Schneider of Omaha, NE and June Foxhoven of Omaha, NE; 14 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; sisters, Helen Knott of Manilla; Leona Leslie of Council Bluffs; Elaine (Ed) Meiners of Manilla; brother, Howard Foxhoven (Dorothy) of Sioux City; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 17, 2001, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery with Curt Kenkel, Douglas Schneider, Rick Kenkel, Allen Kenkel, John Foxhoven and Scott Kenkel casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

