

## Ralph Freund, 73

*Aug. 15, 1930 - May 24, 2004*

**PANAMA** – Ralph Matthew Freund, the son of Herman and Christine Mumm Freund, was born Aug. 15, 1930, on a farm near Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. He attended country school. After school, Ralph farmed until his retirement in 1995. He continued to live on the farm until February of this year when he became a resident of Elm Crest Assisted Living in Harlan. He died at Jennie Edmundson Memorial Hospital in Council Bluffs, May 24, 2004, at age 73 years, nine months and nine days.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Harold. He is survived by his sisters, Rosemary (Anthony) Wingert of Avoca and Agnes (Jacob) Hastert of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 28, 2004, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, with Rev. Michael G. Peters celebrant. Casket bearers were Larry Wingert, Timothy Hastert, Richard Hastert, John Wingert, William Hastert, Neil Wingert and Robert Hastert. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

