



Chris Graeve, 85

March 13, 1911 - May 17, 1996

EARLING - Chris Graeve, son of William and Margaret Reilander Graeve, was born March 13, 1911 on a farm north of Earling. He was baptized, confirmed and made his first Holy Communion in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. He attended St. Joseph Catholic School and grew to adulthood in the Earling area.

Feb. 3, 1932 he married Elva Klein at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Earling. To this union five children

were born. After their marriage they farmed his father's farm until 1947. At that time they purchased a farm north of Earling and remained there until they retired and moved into their new home in Earling Dec. 15, 1977. They celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in Feb. He was a lifetime member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. He died May 17, 1996 at his home in Earling at age 85 years, two months and four days following a long illness.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Glenn, and one brother, Matt Graeve, and step-sister, Theresa Tillman. He is survived by his wife, Elva of Earling; his children, Joe Graeve (Gloria) of San Diego, CA; Jean (John) Assman of Dunlap; Gerry Graeve (Kathy) of Omaha, NE; Mel Graeve of Earling; 11 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; his sister, Susie Kohles of Manilla, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 20, 1996 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Chuck Kottas celebrant and Rev. Eugene Klein and Rev. Cornelius Gaul concelebrating and Deacon Marvin Klein assisting. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling with Francis Klein, Michael A. Lehan, Delbert Klein, Sonny Klein, Dick Klein and Dean Graeve casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.