

## Robert M. Gross, 67

April 18, 1932 - May 21, 1999

**EARLING** – Robert Matthew Gross, son of Joseph and Josephine (Blum) Gross, was born April 18, 1932, at Earling. He was baptized, confirmed and received his first holy communion at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Bob attended St. Joseph's School in Earling and grew to adulthood on the family farm. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War, receiving his honorable discharge Oct. 25, 1953. After his military service Bob worked for a steel company in Omaha and attended farm school.



He married Mary Tremel May 3, 1956, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. They were the parents of seven children. After their marriage, they lived on a farm west of Earling. His life was dedicated to farming. He was a member of the Pork Producers Association and of the Cattlemen's Association. He was named Pork Producer of the Year in 1984. He was a lifetime member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. He died May 21, 1999, on his farm near Earling, at age 67 years, one month and three days.

In addition to his parents, Joseph and Josephine, he was preceded in death by his infant son, David. He is survived by his children, Craig Gross (LuAnn) of Panama; Cindy (Tom) Moore of Phoenix, AZ; Sandy (Tim) Thielen of Pavillion, WY; Diane (Lynn) Martens of Portsmouth; Richard Gross (Annette) of Earling; Brad Gross and friend, Lisa Jumps of Des Moines; Kari Gross and her fiancé, Dennis Kohles of Panama; 11 grandchildren; his brothers and sisters, Leo Gross (Ruth) of Earling; Leona (Elmer) Babel of Columbus, NE; Helen (Marvin) Bissen of Harlan; Alphonse Gross of Lincoln, NE; Dorothy (Henry) Coenen of Woodbine; Gene Gross (Sharon) of Battle Creek; Marie (Charlie) Klein of Earling; Jerry Gross (Sharon) of Earling; and Vern Gross (Cathy) of Palmdale, CA; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated May 27, 1999, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Tom Coenen celebrant and Rev. Martin Chevalier concelebrant. Military rites were conducted by the American Legion Post No. 615 of Earling, in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling, with Joe Gross, Darrell Gross, Mark Klein, Roger Bissen, Steve Klein, Denny Bissen, Gary Coenen and Terry Gross casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.