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## **Eugene F. Hodapp, 72**

**April 24, 1923-May 24, 1995**

Harlan - Eugene Hodapp, son of Frank Joseph and Mary (Rosmann) Hodapp was born April 24, 1923 on a farm near Westphalia. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia and attended country school and St. Boniface School. After school he helped farm.

Feb. 9, 1944 he married Veronica Graeve at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Eight children were born to this union. After their marriage they farmed in the Shelby County area until 1950 when they moved into Harlan. He then purchased a hauling service from his brother which he operated for several years. He also worked at other jobs for a short time before becoming the custodian for Western Iowa Pork and then the Harlan Community Schools. He also worked as a carpenter for the Department of Social Services. He retired in 1985 and has continued to reside in Harlan since that time. It was there that he died May 24, 1995 at age 72 years and one month. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. They were privileged to have celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary Feb. 9, 1994.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Joe Hodapp, Stella Graeve, Alma Heller, Walter Hodapp, Anita Zimmerman and Merlin Hodapp and a grandson, Aaron Rasmussen. He is survived by his wife Veronica Hodapp of Harlan; his children, Edward (Kim) Hodapp of Arvada, CO; Charlene (Stewart) Jensen of Spirit Lake; Carole (John) Downing of Coal Valley, IL; Roger (Joan) Hodapp of Lake Louis, MO; Cathy (Walter) Platz of Ogden, UT; Tim (Julie) Hodapp of Harlan; Craig (Cari) Hodapp of Thornton, CO; and Julie (Phil) Pedersen of Harlan; 20 grandchildren, one great grandchild and a brother Virgil (Stella) Hodapp of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held May 27, 1995 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with Msgr. Edward Kelly celebrant and Rev. Vince Ohlinger concelebrant. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Phil Hodapp, Troy Hodapp, Cory Hodapp, Kurt Jensen, Josh Pedersen and Scott Platz casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.