

## **Albert Heese, 78**

*May 9, 1929 - Nov. 3, 2007*

**EARLING** — Albert Charles "Bert" Heese was born May 9, 1929, in Earling, to Albert and Mary (Walker) Heese. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. After his graduation from high school, he attended Creighton University in Omaha, NE, graduating from college in 1951.

It was while he was attending Creighton that he met and married Margaret Connelly of Omaha. After his graduation from Creighton, he served in the United States Army. After his discharge from the service, Bert and Margaret made their home back in Earling and raised their 10 children there. Their children are Mike, Tom, Kathleen, Ann, Tim, Maureen, Patrick, John, Peggy, and Jim. Bert began employment at the lumberyard with his father and purchased the business in 1967 when his father died. In 1963, Bert formed C & H Fertilizer with Bernard Cox. He purchased Mr. Cox's half of the business in 1976 and continued working there until his retirement. He became a resident of the Little Flower Nursing Home March 22, 2007, and it was there that he died Nov. 3, 2007, at age 78 years, five months, and 25 days.

In addition to his parents, Bert was preceded in death by his sons, Tim and Mike. He is survived by his children, Tom Heese (Carol) Kaufman of Denver, CO; Kathleen (Denny) Larsen of Missouri Valley; Ann Heese of Las Vegas, NV; Maureen Ryan of Fremont, NE; Patrick Heese (Cyndi) of Lindale, TX; John Heese of Harlan; Peggy (Larry) Calavan of Las Vegas; and Jim Heese of Earling; 15 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; his brother, Don Heese and (Margaret) of Tampa, FL; his sister, Karen (Herman) Fortenberry of Nashville, TN; nieces and nephews; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Nov. 7, 2007, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Tom Coenen officiating. Military rites were held by Earling American Legion Post No. 615 at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.