

## Al Kenkel, 82

**EARLING** – Al Kenkel, son of Anton and Catherine Jacoby Kenkel was born June 15, 1906 at Earling. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, Jan. 7, 1989, at age 82 years, six months and 23 days. He was baptized, received his First Communion, and was confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. He had been a member of the church all his life. He attended St. Joseph School in Earling.

Oct. 4, 1932, he married Matilda Wingert at St. Wilfrid Catholic Church in Woonsocket, SD. Eight children were born to this union. They farmed in the Defiance and Earling area all their lives. They were honored to have celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary in Oct. of last year.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Kenneth; one sister, Mary (Mrs August) Reinig and two brothers, Bill and Hubert. He is survived by six sons, Merle of Mo. Valley; Jim and Max of Earling; Lee of Harlan; Ron and Vern of Dow City; and one daughter, Delores (Mrs Karl) Rasmussen of Cheney, KS; one sister, Lucy (Mrs Lawrence) Rauterkus of Earling; three brothers, Joe and Alfred of Earling and Vincent of Harlan; 30 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was con-celebrated Jan. 10, 1989 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Earling with Rev. Nelo Leto as the celebrant. Con-celebrating were the Revs. Leonard Kenkel, Ben Kenkel, Greg Leach, Jon Kautzky, Tom Cain and LaVern Wingert. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, Earling, with Craig Kenkel, Jeff Kenkel, Larry Kenkel, Kenny Kenkel, Jerry Kenkel and Rick Kenkel all grandsons serving as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.