

Jerome M. Kaufman, 77

Nov. 22, 1924 - Sept. 19, 2002

HARLAN — Jerome Michael Kaufman, son of August and Mary (Schneider) Kaufman, was born Nov. 22, 1924, on the farm near Westphalia, that he resided at his entire life. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, and attended St. Boniface Catholic School. When he was only seven years of age, his father died, so he spent his youth helping his mother and siblings on the family farms.

He married Dolores Blum July 1, 1947, at Earling. Four children were born to this union. He was engaged in farming his entire life. Jerome managed a cattle and hog business through the years, and continued to farm and background cattle until his death. He was a past member and president of the Westphalia Holy Name Society. For many years, he served on the Athletic Board and managed Little League baseball. In 1982, he was inducted into the Westphalia Sports Hall of Fame for his years of dedication. He was also a past volunteer of the Westphalia Fire Department. Jerome died Sept. 19, 2002, at his home at age 77 years, nine months and 28 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Tony, Aloysius, August (Gus) and one in infancy, and one sister, Frances Foxhoven. Survivors include his wife, Dolores Kaufman of Harlan; children, Jacqueline Coenen of Lenexa, KS; Robert Kaufman (Mary Beth) of Earling; Gwendolyn Kaufman of Denison and Curt Kaufman (Lisa) of Glenwood; 10 grandchildren; sisters, Marie Gross Monahan of Earling; Geraldine Dixon of Sebastapol, CA; Aquinata Gross of Westphalia; Lavina Gross of Earling; Alice (Herb) Wegner of Panama; sisters-in-law, Sally Kaufman of Earling and Delphine Mahoney of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 21, 2002, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with the Rev. Jack McClure, C.P.P.S. celebrating. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery in Westphalia, with Tim Gross, Mark Kaufman, Paul Gross, David Gross, Phil Wegner and Dean Gross casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

