

Walter Krantz, 88

July 23, 1915 - Sept. 8, 2003

HARLAN — Walter Martin Krantz, the son of Joseph and Anna Marie Mages Krantz, was born July 23, 1915, in Earling. He was baptized at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Walter attended school in Manilla. After finishing his schooling, he farmed for his parent's neighbors with the intent of helping his parents support a family of nine.

Sept. 20, 1937, he married Bernice Hulsebus in Harlan. Two children were born to this union, Gerald and Richard. After their marriage, they farmed in the Shelby County area. They later moved to St. Charles, MN, where they farmed and owned and operated a cafe for many years. In 1957, they moved back to Iowa where he was employed at a local gas station. In 1958, Walter began working for St. Michael's Catholic School and church as a custodian. He was employed by St. Michael's for 20 years. He was a Eucharistic minister, a member of St. Michael's Parish for 46 years and could always be seen assisting at a children's Mass. He died Sept. 8, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 88 years, one month and 16 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Richard; a great grandson; and his brother and sister, Urban and Ruth. Survivors include his wife, Bernice of Harlan; his son, Gerald "Jerry" Krantz (Gladys) of Thousand Oaks, CA; four grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; his sisters and brother, Elaine Jacobs of Northwood; Vince Krantz of Harlan; Patricia Henkelman of Oxford; Annamae (Leonard) Kramer of Harlan; Cleo (Bob) Garrison of Harlan; Viola Truhe of Carroll; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 12, 2003, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Rick Krantz, Vince Krantz, Joey Hansen, Dan Garrison, Tom Scheffler and Jeff Garrison casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

