

Silverius Muenchrath, 89

May 11, 1920 - March 4, 2010

EARLING — Silverius Joseph



Muenchrath, son of Henry and Dora (Goesser) Muenchrath was born on May 11, 1920, on a farm outside of Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and attended St. Joseph's Catholic Schools.

January 9, 1946, Silverius was united in marriage to Mariann Rauterkus at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Seven children were born to this union: Ronald, Thomas, Michael, Connie, Patricia, Mary, and Alice. After their wedding, Silverius and Mariann made their home outside of Earling where Silverius farmed until 1976 when he and Mariann retired and moved into Earling. Silverius loved his family and was very proud of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren's accomplishments.

He was a charismatic person and enjoyed visiting with his friends and family, and could always recall specific dates off the top of his head. As Silverius grew older, his kids became concerned with his driving and took his car keys away. Silverius was too smart to allow that to stop him from driving so he began driving his gator around town and even put over 70 miles on during one day. After the kids took the gator keys away they thought they had solved that problem, but Silverius still wouldn't give up the luxury of driving so he began driving his lawnmower around instead. Silverius loved the land and even after he retired from farming enjoyed being outdoors. After moving to Earling, he grew roses and many different colors of tulips. He was very proud of his flowers and enjoyed showing his flowerbeds to others. Silverius died on Thursday, March 4, 2010, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, having attained the age of eighty-nine years, nine months, and twenty-one days.

Silverius is preceded in death by his parents; his sisters Loretta Watje and Veronica Muenchrath; and his brothers Michael and Ivo. He is survived by his wife Mariann of Earling; their children: Ronald Muenchrath and his wife Virginia of Dallas, TX; Thomas Muenchrath and his wife Patricia of Earling; Michael Muenchrath and his wife Sheila of Seward, NE; Connie and her husband Bob Cupich of Omaha, NE; Patricia Bronfman of Kansas City, MO; Mary and her husband Gary Bruck of Wells Point, TX; Alice and her husband Duane Bruck of Earling; eighteen grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren; his siblings: Ambrose Muenchrath of Harlan; Mary Ann Muenchrath of Omaha, NE; Rita and her husband James Smith of Omaha, NE; Fred Muenchrath and his wife Gay of Wichita, KS; nieces; nephews; other family members and many friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, March 6, 2010, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Rev. David Muenchrath celebrated the 11:00 AM service with Rev. Ben Kenkel, Rev. Howard Fitzgerald, Rev. Bob Hoefler, Rev. Leonard Kenkel, and Rev. Michael Berner concelebrating. Interment was held at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling, with Dan

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Grote, Gene Sibenaller, Denny Kenkel, Ray Feldman, Leonard Graeve, and Richard Klein acting as honorary casket bearers. Serving as casket bearers were: Tony Bruck, Tommy Muenchrath, Rob Cupich, Michael Cupich, Jason Muenchrath, Troy Muenchrath, Jeff Muenchrath, Mark Muenchrath, and Joey Muenchrath.

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