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Alfred A. Rauterkus, 87 ✓

Dec. 21, 1911 – March 25, 1999

ALCESTER, SD - Alfred August Rauterkus was born Dec. 21, 1911, at Panama, the son of Carl and Mary (Kloewer) Rauterkus.

He married Erma Hughes Jan. 14, 1942, at Portsmouth. They farmed near Portsmouth, and Alfred also ran a corn sheller. They moved to a farm near Alcester, SD in 1956. He semi-retired from farming in 1973, and they moved into Alcester in 1997. He was a longtime member of the St. Mary Catholic Church in Hawarden, IA. He died March 24, 1999, at the Hawarden Community Hospital at age 87.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Richard; two brothers, Raymond and Herman; and a sister, Rita Rauterkus. Surviving relatives include his wife, Erma, at the Morningside Manor in Alcester; two brothers, Leonard Rauterkus of New Richmond, WI and Hubert Rauterkus of Cecil, WI; a sister, Marie Lindgren of Des Moines; nephews, nieces and other relatives.

Funeral Mass was held March 27, 1999, at the St. Mary Catholic Church in Hawarden, with Father LeRoy Seuntjens officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Portsmouth, with Father Paul Bianchi officiating. Casket bearers were Rich Menien, Alfred Hughes, Ricky Hughes, Mike Toben, Jim Hughes and Kevin Hamilton. Porter-Dow Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.