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Lawrence R. Rauterkus, 54

Oct. 26, 1942 - Jan. 23, 1997

EARLING - Lawrence Richard Rauterkus, son of Lawrence Frank and Lucy Veronica Kenel Rauterkus, was born Oct. 26, 1942, at Dunlap. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap. He moved with his family to a farm near Earling in 1943. Because of his health, he received his schooling and attended Concerned for five years in Harlan. He then was at the Sheltered Workshop in Denison for nine years before going to the Lutheran Family Group Home in Atlantic where he worked at Cass County Inc. In May of 1996, he became a resident of the Dunlap Care Center in Dunlap, and then became a resident of REM-Leadway Inc. in Shelby, in Sept. of 1996. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital Jan. 23, 1997, at age 54 years, two months and 28 days.

In addition to his parents, his sister, Magdalene Hastert; an infant brother, Marcus Rauterkus, and two infant sisters, Katherine and Lucille Rauterkus, preceded him in death. Surviving are his brothers and sisters, Mariann (Silverius) Muenchrath of Earling; Walter Rauterkus (Marilyn) of Omaha; Jerome Rauterkus (Mary) of Harlan; Margaret (Norbert) Goeser of Omaha and Ivo Rauterkus (Alberta) of Omaha and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Jan. 25, 1997, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant and Rev. Leonard Kenkel and Rev. Gordon Gittins concelebrating. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling, with Roger W. Goeser, Dick Rauterkus, Gary M. Rauterkus, Timothy Rauterkus, Kenny Kenkel and Tom Muenchrath casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.