

Paul Jerome Reis, 72

May 2, 1924 - April 12, 1997

EARLY - Paul Jerome Reis from Early, was born May 2, 1924 in Silver Creek Township, Ida County, (Battle Creek) to George and Mary (Dahm) Reis. He was baptized and confirmed Catholic and was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Early. He attended school through the eighth grade and later worked as a farm hand until joining the Army in 1945. Upon his discharge, he co-founded Reis Brother's Garage, which is still in operation.

Jan. 21, 1961, he married Carol Carnes at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. They lived in Early and to this marriage six children were born. He was employed at Reis Bros. Garage, Early Welding and Crestland Community Schools. He was a member of the American Legion and the Volunteer Fire Department in Early. He died April 12, 1997, at the Loring Hospital in Sac City at age 72.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, John, and sister, Grace. He is survived by his wife, Carol; six children, Connie (David) Jensen of Portsmouth; Gail (Dr. Dennis) Drey of Albuquerque, NM; Robert (Nancy) Reis of Lee's Summitt, MO; Mary Reis and friend, Dr. Dennis Weaver, of Pleasant Hill, MO; Timothy (Laura) Reis of Lee's Summitt, MO; and Mark (Sara) Reis of Grain Valley, MO; six grandchildren, Tara (Brian) Bork; Ryan Jensen, Scott and Heather Drey, Travis and Rachel Reis; two brothers, Herb (June) Reis of Early and Joseph (Mary) Reis of Omaha, NE; six sisters, Mary Ann (Archie) Bain of Des Moines; Rita (Tony) Mitchell of Des Moines; Janet (Duane) Luchtel of Grain Valley, MO; Florence (Wayne) Cook of Stuart; Barbara (Cy) Neiland of Newell and Charlotte (Russ) Latta of Ames, and his mother-in-law, Helen Carnes of Early.

Funeral services were held April 15, 1997, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Early, with Father Mervin Hood officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Farber & Otteman Funeral Home in Sac City in charge of arrangements.