

Harold Rueschenberg, 80

March 4, 1924 - June 1, 2004

EARLING – Harold Francis Rueschenberg, son of John and Rosa Schneider Rueschenberg, was born March 4, 1924 in Westphalia. In May 1943, he graduated from high school and two months later he enlisted in the United States Navy. Upon completion of military service in 1946, he returned to Westphalia where he met his bride, Bernice Kloewer.

Harold and Bernice were married May 12, 1950, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. To this union five children were born. Harold's employment evolved around transporting livestock to market and milling grain. He was an active member in the Westphalia Volunteer Fire Department for 35 years. He also was a member of the American Legion and performed in the Honor Guard and sang in the church choir. He died June 1, 2004, at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, NE, at age 80 years, two months and 28 days.

Harold is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Bernice of Earling; his children, Robert Rueschenberg of Westphalia; Debra Rueschenberg of San Antonio, TX; Lois (Dave) Mahlberg of Denison; Joyce (Billy) Misner of Elk Horn; and John Rueschenberg of Bluemont, VA; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; a brother, Werner Rueschenberg (Martha) of Sonora, CA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held June 4, 2004, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, with Rev. Michael G. Peters celebrant. Honorary casket bearers were Amanda Mahlberg, Jill Ann Hill, Kevin Mahlberg, Sheldon Hill, Jacob Henriksen, Karley Henriksen, Justin Henriksen and Kaitlynn Rose Henriksen. Burial was in the St. Boniface Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

