



Valentine J. ✓ Schechinger, Jr., 73

Jan. 7, 1923 - Feb. 28, 1996

HARLAN - Valentine John Schechinger, Jr., son of Valentine Anthony and Martha Cecelia Schmitz Schechinger, was born Jan. 7, 1923 on the family farm in Lincoln Township near Westphalia. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia and attended St. Boniface Catholic School graduating with the class of 1941. Following graduation he farmed with his father and worked as a hired man for several local farmers and also did carpentry work in the area.

Oct. 6, 1954 he married Dorothy Mary Matthiessen at St. Boniface Catholic Church in

Westphalia. To this union four children were born. After their marriage they continued to reside on the family farm. He enjoyed farming and raising livestock, especially hogs. In 1973 he began selling purebred spotted hogs. They attended many hog sales. He was an active member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia and was vice president of the Holy Name Society. In 1972 the Schechinger family actively participated in the Westphalia Centennial. He died Feb. 28, 1996 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 73 years, one month and 21 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Gerard Valentine in 1959; his sister, Ella Marie Nielsen and his brother, Anthony Schechinger. Surviving are his wife, Dorothy of Harlan; his children, Mary (Brian) Arkfeld of Westphalia; Mark Schechinger of Yellowstone, WY and Monte Schechinger (Julie) of Westphalia; his grandchildren, Jennifer, Jared, Kristin and Kyle Arkfeld; his brothers and sisters, Marie (Irmin) Reding of Manilla; Evelyn (Melvin) Coenen of Bayard; Melvin Schechinger of Manilla; Jeanette (Raymond) Chipman of Harlan and Ellsworth Schechinger (Grace) of Manilla and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated March 2, 1996 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia with Rev. Thomas Crowley celebrant and Rev. Robert Gralapp, Msgr. Edward Kelly and Rev. Charles Kottas concelebrating. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery in Westphalia with Jim Chipman, Randy Schechinger, Larry Reding, Dan Schechinger, Vernon Reding and Scott Schechinger casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.