

Alfred G. Schwery, 81

MANILLA — Alfred, son of Melchior and Theresa Klein Schwery, was born June 1, 1906 near Panama. He attended country school and parochial school at Panama.

On Jan. 14, 1930, he married Romana Goeser at St. Joseph's Church in Earling. They farmed near Panama until 1942 and then farmed near Defiance. They retired and moved to Manilla in Jan. of 1960. They spent their winters in TX. His health began to decline in April of 1987 and he died Dec. 12, 1987 at Crawford County Memorial hospital in Denison at age 81 years, 6 months and 11 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, LeVern; and a daughter, Coletta Schwery Blum in 1966. He is survived by his wife, Romana of Manilla; by five children: Melania (Mrs Jerry) Peterson of Omaha; Connie (Mrs Warren) Becker of Defiance; Aelred (Al) Schwery of Gainesville, GA; Imelda (Milly) (Mrs John) Laube of Houston, TX; and Mel Schwery of Mo. Valley; 18 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and the following sisters: Margaret Coenen of Westphalia; Viola Leinen of Portsmouth; Magdalena Hodapp of Co. Bluffs; Verena Maiwald of Harlan; Zita Engel of Westphalia; Nonna Adams of Santa Cruz, CA; Theresa Wellman of Neola; Mildred Leuschen of Portsmouth and Cleo Nelson of Mercer, Island, WA; one brother, Melvin Schwery of Panama and nieces and nephews. He was a member of Sacred Heart parish in Manilla; the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus; and the Holy Name Society.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 15, 1987 at the Sacred Heart Church, Manilla with Rev. Fr. Lloyd White and Rev. Fr. Eugene Klein as con-celebrants. Burial was in the Mt. Olivet cemetery, Manilla. Honorary casket bearers were David Blum, Greg Marshall, Keith Ahrenholtz, John Laube, Jr., James Schwery and Danny Schwery. Serving as casket bearers were Tim Blum, Curt Becker, Allen Blum, Dennis Bunjer, Brian Becker and Andy Blum. Ohde Funeral Home, Manning was in charge of arrangements.