

Ambrose Thraen, 89

Nov. 15, 1912 - Oct. 10, 2002

HARLAN – Ambrose Anthony Thraen was born Nov. 15, 1912, to Anton Carl and Mary Ellen McCabe Thraen at Westphalia. He was baptized at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia and later confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. He attended schools in Westphalia, Panama, Sioux City, Iowa City, Des Moines, Council Bluffs and Topeka, KS. He received a Master Barber's License, insurance, real estate and broker's licenses.

Ambrose married Ariel Densmore in Sioux City, Nov. 8, 1934. To this union two sons were born. The couple moved to Harlan, in 1935. Ambrose purchased Frank Lahr's two-chair barbershop and Albert Larson's Real Estate and Insurance Agency. Later, he purchased the Jim Curtis Insurance Agency. Ariel and Nettie Belle Beauchamp opened the Bel-Air Beauty Salon now owned by Linda Thraen. Ambrose built a mini-mall at 5th and Court Street in Harlan which housed the offices of Thraen's Insurance, Real Estate and Stocks and Bonds Agencies and Ron's Barber Shop, Shelly's Beauty Salon and Images Hair Salon. He was a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and Past Grand Knight. He was a member of Rev. Gannon's Building Committee for the new St. Michael's school and church. With Msgr. Edward Kelly, Ambrose started the St. Michael's Foundation of which Ambrose was the president and donor of over \$125,000. Ambrose died Oct. 10, 2002, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 89 years, 10 months and 25 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Ariel, Dec. 13, 1992. He is survived by his sons, Ron Thraen (Linda) of Harlan and Don Thraen (Rosemary) of Harlan; his grandchildren, Scott Thraen, Shelly Thraen, Cindy Miller, Jodie Wehr, Tony Thraen, Andy Thraen and Darin Cingle; his great grandchildren, Sara, Jessica, Jacob, Sean, Aaron, Cory, Katie, Cassidy, Haleigh, Taimon, Daytona, Chase and Donnie; one brother, LaVern Thraen (Iona) of Omaha, NE; one sister, Josephine Rial of Omaha; his caregiver, Marie Kohles of Earling; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 14, 2002, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with the Rev. Jack McClure, C.P.P.S. celebrating. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery, Westphalia, with Elmer Wageman, Ambrose Muenchrath, La Vern Renze, Robert Heimerman, Emmett Fitzpatrick, Andrew Pokorny, Ron Thraen, Floyd Feser, Don Thraen and Joe Stein honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Gerald Thraen, Marvin Bissen, John Thraen, Robert Weis, Russell Lefeber and Jim Kohles. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

