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Joseph N. Tremel, 74

Nov. 8, 1925 - July 2, 2000

EARLING - Joseph Nicholas Tremel, was born Nov. 8, 1925, in Earling, to Anna Mary (Kohl) and Joseph Tremel. He was baptized at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, and confirmed at St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. He was educated at Rural Hilltop School and St. Mary's Catholic School in Panama.

June 26, 1950, he married Irene Catherine Graf at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. To this union, six children were born. The couple resided on the original Tremel farmstead and in June 2000 it was awarded Century Farm Distinction. Joseph retired from farming in 1989. He was an active church member serving on the Parish Finance Committee and the Centennial Finance Committee. He also was on the cemetery committee and ushered for numerous years. March 18, 2000, the Tremel family celebrated Joe and Irene's 50th wedding anniversary in their home in Earling. He died July 2, 2000, at his residence in Earling, at age 74 years, seven months and 24 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Edward, Alphonse and Raymond Tremel; sisters, Leona Buckley and Mary Agnes Gross; and brothers-in-law, J.P. Buckley and Bob Gross. He is survived by his wife, Irene Tremel of Earling; children, Marvin Tremel (Marguerite) of Dunlap; Michael Tremel (Mary Lou) of Earling; Ronald Tremel (Kathy) of Earling; Ann (Gary) Blum of Earling; Marcene (David) Keane of Panama; and Monica (Greg) Stinn of Dunlap; 21 grandchildren; brothers, John Tremel of Earling; Leonard Tremel of Earling; Charles Tremel of Omaha, NE; Kenneth Tremel of Panama and Ralph Tremel of Earling; sister, Helen Frederick of Earling; sisters-in-law, Grace Tremel of Woodbine; Fran Tremel of Denver, CO and Genevieve Tremel Schwery of Houston, TX; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 5, 2000, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling, with Matt Blum, Brian Tremel, Kyle Stinn, Daniel Tremel, Jeff Tremel and Brad Tremel casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

