

Joseph Wilwerding, 87 ✓

Nov. 12, 1920 - July 2, 2008

EARLING — Joseph John Wilwerding was born on November 12, 1920 in Earling, IA to John and Clara (Strauel) Wilwerding. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and attended school at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling.

June 12, 1944, he was united in marriage to Mary Ann Blum. Three children were born to this union: Jane, Gary, and Jody. Joseph worked as a car dealer, an auto body mechanic, and an investor. He could be found dancing to big band music with his wife and friends. They would travel to Texas for the winters and would often entertain family and friends while



home. Joseph was a very generous and loving father and husband and always willing to help others. In addition, he was a visionary with strong leadership skills and served as mayor of Earling for twelve years. He was a great story teller and liked to joke and many heard his favorite expression "isn't that the berries". Joseph died on Wednesday, July 2, 2008, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, IA, having attained the age of eighty-seven years, seven months, and twenty days.

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents and his wife. He is survived by his children: Jane and her husband Phil Bird of Overland Park, KS, Gary Wilwerding and his wife Laurie of Omaha, NE, and Jody Wilwerding and his wife Denise, also of Omaha; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his sisters Verena and her husband Kenny Coenen of Harlan, IA; and Alice and her husband John Stessman of Omaha; and his brothers Jerold Wilwerding of California and Ray Wilwerding and his wife Mary of Earling, IA; nieces and nephews, other family members, and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, July 5, 2008 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, Iowa. Rev. Tom Coenen officiated the 10:30 AM service with interment at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling. Serving as casket bearers were: Pete Asta, Garret Wilwerding, Eric Fidler, Jeff Casady, Shaun Wilwerding, and Luke Wilwerding.

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