

Sylvester C. Finken, 68

Defiance — Sylvester Charles (Toody) Finken, son of Anton and Cecilia Heese Finken, was born on a farm east of Earling, on May 4, 1912. He was baptized and confirmed in St. Joseph's church in Earling. He also attended St. Joseph's school. Mr Finken grew to adulthood on his parents' farm. He then began trucking.

On June 6, 1944, he married Caroline at St. Joseph's church in Earling. Until 1952, they continued to live in Earling where he continued to operate his truck. At that time they moved to Omaha, Nebr. From 1952-1978 he was employed as a Stationery Engineer First Class for M.U.D. After his retirement, they continued to make their home in Omaha. Mr Finken died at Archbishop Bergan Mercy hospital, Omaha, Nebr., on Sunday, June 29, 1980, at age 64 years, 1 month, and 26 days.

In addition to his parents, Mr Finken was preceded in death by one sister, Theoletta, and two brothers, Austen and Tony, Jr. Survivors include his wife, Caroline, of Omaha; two brothers - Denny Finken and Ivo Finken of Earling; five sisters - Irene (Mrs Ed) Goeser of Defiance; Marie (Mrs Art) Ebert of Denver, Colo.; Edith (Mrs Elmer) Schneider of Harlan; Vera (Mrs Delbert) Munchrath of Defiance; and Doris (Mrs Walt) Schneider of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's church in Earling on Wednesday, July 2, 1980, with Rev. Jon Kautzky as celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery with Larry Schimerowski, Dean Schneider, Dean Finken, Don Ebert, Dennis Goeser and Roger Munchrath serving as pallbearers.
