

Herbert Gubbels

WESTPHALIA — Herbert Joseph Gubbels, son of Nicholas and Anna Weihs Gubbels, was born on a farm near Westphalia, on Mar. 7, 1915. He died at his home in Westphalia twp., Shelby county on Febr. 2, 1977, at age 61 years, 10 months and 25 days. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface church in Westphalia. He attended St. Boniface school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. After completing his schooling, Mr Gubbels started farming in Westphalia township and this has been his life's work. On Dec. 27, 1955, he married Lorena Mickels Stephany at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama. One son was born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Gubbels farmed in Westphalia township and this has been his home since that time. He was a life time member of St. Boniface church in Westphalia. He was also a member of the Holy Name Society and served on the Parish Council.

He was preceded in death by his father; a grandson, Jerry Kloewer; and by an infant sister, Edna. His survivors include his wife, Lorena, of rural Harlan; a son, Glen at home; four stepchildren - Ed Stephany of Defiance, Gene Stephany of Des Moines, Kathleen (Mrs Roman Kloewer) of Panama and Connie (Mrs Robert Easterly) of Des Moines; 19 grandchildren; and by his mother, Mrs Anna Gubbels of Westphalia, by six sisters - Marie Gubbels of Earling, Rita (Mrs Tony Wageman) of Westphalia, Lorraine (Mrs Harold Korth) and Genevieve (Mrs Don Korth) both of Randolph, Nebr., Lucile (Mrs Norbert Krienert) of Osmond, Nebr., and Theresa (Mrs John Brincks) of Anita; a brother, Nickie Gubbels, Jr. of Panama; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Boniface church in Westphalia, Saturday, Feb. 5, 1977, with Rev. Michael Sims as celebrant, Rev. Eugene Koch as Homilist and Rev Richard Gubbels and Rev. Wayne Gubbels as concelebrants. Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery with Roman Kloewer, Melvin Schwery, Bill Fahn, Jake Hastert, Dennis Gau and Ed Goeser serving as pallbearers.

