

## Nicholas J. Gubbels, 74

Jan. 22, 1924 - Feb. 6, 1998

**HARLAN** - Nicholas "Nickie" J. Gubbels, Jr., son of Nicholas J. Sr. and Anna (Weihs) Gubbels, was born Jan. 22, 1924, on a farm southwest of Westphalia. He attended St. Boniface Catholic School in Westphalia, graduating in 1942. Nickie was always active in sports, playing basketball and baseball for the Westphalia High School and Town Team and for the Harlan Cardinals. He was named to the All Southwest Iowa Baseball Team in 1949. He had an offer to play baseball with the Chicago Cubs in 1947.

Oct. 1, 1953, he married Marjorie "Marge" Fahn at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. To this union six children were born. They made their home on a farm southeast of Panama, and Nickie continued to play ball for the Panama Town Team. They lived on the farm for 35 years before retiring and moving to Harlan. He was a member of St. Mary's Parish for the 35 years he lived in Panama, and became a member of St. Michael's Parish when he moved to Harlan. He was a board member on the Westphalia Mutual Insurance Company for nearly 20 years. He also helped with the Panama Community Chorus for 25 years. He died Feb. 6, 1998, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, at age 74 years and 15 days.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Edna, and brother, Harry. Survivors include his wife, Marge of Harlan; his children, Phil Gubbels (Denise) of Harlan; Dean Gubbels (Norma) of Panama; Mary Lou (Mike) Tremel of Earling; Gary Gubbels (Carmie) of Westphalia; Susan (Mike) Wingert of Panama; Joe Gubbels (Joan) also of Panama; 12 grandchildren; his sisters, Marie Gubbels of Earling; Rita Wageman of Westphalia; Lorraine Korth (Harold, Sr.) of Randolph, NE; Lucille Krienert (Norbert) of Osmond, NE; Genevieve Korth (Donald) of Randolph, NE; Theresa Brinks (John) of Anita; sister-in-law, Lorena Gubbels of Westphalia, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Feb. 10, 1998, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, with Rev. Michael Peters celebrant. Concelebrating were Rev. LaVern Wingert, Rev. Richard Gubbels, Rev. Joe Brown and Rev. Michael Berner. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama, with Brad Tremel, Jack Gubbels, Makayla Tremel, Terry Gubbels, Tyler Gubbels, Charlie Gubbels, Kristina Tremel, Adam Gubbels, Tiffanie Wingert, Dennis Gubbels, David Gubbels and Stephanie Wingert honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Phil Gubbels, Dean Gubbels, Joe Gubbels, Gary Gubbels, Mike Wingert and Mike Tremel. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

