

Leonard Hoffmann, 87

Dec. 24, 1915 - Nov. 24, 2003

DUNLAP – Leonard Steven Hoffmann, the son of Frederick and Susanna Wingert Hoffmann, was born Dec. 24, 1915, on a farm near Panama. He was baptized, received his First Holy Communion and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. He attended rural school and St. Mary's Catholic School.

Nov. 19, 1940, he married Dorothy Ann Schumacher of Defiance. Nine children were born to this union. After their marriage, they lived in the Panama-Earling area for 15 years before they moved to a farm west of Dunlap, where they resided for 40 years. In August of 1996, they moved into Dunlap. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. He died Nov. 24, 2003, at his home in Dunlap, at age 87 years and 11 months.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Matthew, Art, Herbert and Henry, and five sisters, Ann Thelen, Mary Taggart, Eleonar Honz, Hilda Blum and Sedona Honz. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dorothy Ann Hoffmann of Dunlap; his nine children, Joyce (Tom) Esser of Ute; Jan Raymond of Las Vegas, NV; Len (Kathy) Hoffmann of Grand Junction, CO; Lorrie Hursey of Westerville, OH; Doris Heston of Louisville, KY; Ray (Vera) Hoffmann of Greeley, CO; Rita (Allen) Purkapile of Bennington, NE; Cathy (Sam) Simpson of Sperry; and Elaine (Tom) McCord of Bennington, NE; 18 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap Nov. 28, 2003. Celebrants were Rev. Larry Hoffmann and Rev. Paul Strittmatter. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Dunlap. Casket bearers were Richard Esser, Roger Esser, Nick Hoffmann, Troy Hopp, Todd Hursey, Jake McCord, Tom McCord and Brent Kelm. Fouts Funeral Home in Dunlap, in charge of arrangements.