

## Albert Jans, 85

*Jan. 16, 1921 - March 3, 2006*

**EARLING** — Albert J. Jans, the son of Henry and Margaret Majerus Jans, was born Jan. 16, 1921, in Earling. He attended country school and later St. Joseph's School in Earling. He was baptized, made his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Dec. 8, 1941, Albert enlisted in the United States Navy, one day after Pearl Harbor. He received his honorable discharge in August of 1942, due to the accidental death of his brother.

Albert married Loretta Bock Feb. 9, 1943 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. The marriage was performed by Msgr. Bissen and continued for over 63 years. Three children were born to this union, Kenneth, Marilyn and Donald. For several years, he worked for area farmers, as a mechanic at Vandenberg Motors, Davis Bus Lines and then Schwab and Bacon Hardware in Harlan for 11 years. Albert and Loretta then moved to a farm north of Harlan in 1962. During his years on the farm, he also did custom work, trucking as well as a repair shop. He was well known because he could fix anything. He has been a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan since 1946. He died March 3, 2006, at Little Flower Haven at age 85 years, one month and 15 days.

In addition to his parents, Albert was preceded in death by his grandson, Jeff Deal, and three brothers, Sylvan N., Sylvan H. and Alphonse Jans. He is survived by his wife, Loretta Jans of Earling; his children, Kenny Jans (Rosemary) of Omaha, NE; Marilyn (Larry) Deal of Atlanta, GA and Don Jans (Peg) of Earling; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren; two sisters, Katie Ritter of Grand Junction, CO and Marie Davis of Omaha, NE; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 6, 2006, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Jeff Deal honorary casket bearer. Casket bearers were Brain Jans, Erica Buffington, Beckie Jans, Wyatt Jans, and Jess Jans. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

