

## Leo Leinen, 87

*Sept. 9, 1918 - Oct. 31, 2005*

**OMAHA, NE** — Leo Constance Leinen, son of Nicholas and Agnes Kenkel Leinen, was born Sept. 9, 1918, at home on the farm in Earling. He was baptized Sept. 15, 1918, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. He attended St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling. After school, he farmed in Shelby County.

June 29, 1943, Leo married Marjorie Burger at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Ten children were born to this union, Sharon, Mary Ann, Gail, Nancy, Gary, Cindy, Leo, Doug, Lisa, and Brian. After their marriage, Leo farmed and then began working at Farmland Foods and worked there for 25 years, retiring in 1981. He was a lifelong member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. In 1995, he and Marjorie moved to Omaha, NE. He died Oct. 31, 2005, at Methodist Hospital in Omaha, NE, at age 87 years, one month and 22 days.



In addition to his parents, Leo was preceded in death by his brothers, Lavern and Nick. Survivors include his wife, Marjorie of Omaha, NE; his children, Sharon (Verlin) Kreuz and Mary Ann Anderson all of Omaha, NE; Gail Leinen (Connie) of Council Bluffs; Nancy (Rob) Skinner of New Port Richey, FL; Gary Leinen of Council Bluffs; Cindy Grau of Manning; Leo Leinen (Brenda) of Cochise, AZ; Doug Leinen (Lora) of Omaha, NE; Lisa (Robert) Wieduwilt and Brian Leinen (Debra) all of Council Bluffs; 25 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; his brothers and sisters: Lavina Blum, Cecelia Buckley, Irene Mahlberg, and Alfred Leinen (Joan) all of Earling; Sally (Ken) Dillernuth of Pahrump, NV; Rosemary (Ed) Rehberg of Cedar Rapids; Edward Leinen (Carol) of Harlan and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 4, 2005, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery with Todd Anderson, Tony Kreuz, Shane Anderson, Tyrone Kreuz, Matthew Leinen, Nick Nielsen, Adam Leinen, and Nathan Anderson casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.