

# Alfred Paul Leinen,

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Sept. 23, 1928 - Sept. 12, 2017

**EARLING** – Alfred Paul Leinen was born Sept. 23rd, 1928, the son of Nicholas and Agnes (Kengel) Leinen. He was raised on a family farm west of Earling. He attended St. Joseph's school in Earling until the eighth grade. After school he worked on the family farm with his dad until joining the Army in Dec. of 1952. In July of 1957, Alfred married his sweetheart, Joan Schmidt, of Portsmouth. Alfred and Joan had nine children, four boys and five girls.



Raising this many children required a lot of hard work and a lot of money. Alfred raised hogs which were sourced through Mosquito Valley Pork, a corporation that he was a part of, which was started in 1989. Alfred sold feed for Moormans for over 29 years.

Alfred did find time to enjoy the many things in life that made him happy. He and Joan traveled a lot through work and family. They did a lot of dancing (and were extremely good at it), and loved going to the casino. Alfred stayed very active with the kids, when he wasn't putting them to work. He coached his girls' CYO softball team. He took the kids fishing, golfing, and attended a lot of sporting events. Alfred and Joan enjoyed taking the family camping. He had a passion for going out to eat, playing bingo, pool, going bowling, and rooting for the Iowa Hawkeyes and the St. Louis Cardinals. Most of all, Alfred loved his family and friends. He simply loved Life.

Alfred passed away on September 12, 2017. He had enjoyed almost 89 years of his life at home with his family. In addition to his parents, Alfred was preceded in death by his siblings, LaVern Leinen, Leo Leinen, Cecelia Buckley, Irene Mahlberg, Nicholas Leinen Jr., Marcella "Sally" Dulleuth, RoseMary Rehberg, and Edward Leinen.

Joe is survived by his wife of 60 years, Joan (Schmidt) of Earling, and his children, Alan (Peggy) Leinen of Kansas City, MO, Sherry Leinen of Earling, Diane Hess of Harlan, Rod (Colette) Leinen of Kansas City, MO, Chuck (Chris) Leinen of Omaha, NE, Ann (Tim) Graeve of Manilla, MO, Brenda (Pat) Kloewer of Defiance, Lori (Ray) Brotherton of Denison, John (Vicki) Leinen of Denison, 23 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; sister LaVina Schwarte Blum of Dunlap; sisters-in-law Estelle Leinen of Dow City and Carol Leinen of Harlan.

An 11:00AM Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, September 18, 2017 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren served as honorary casket bearers. Jeremy Hess, David Leinen, Alex Leinen, Justin Graeve, Quintin Brotherton, Josh Kloewer, Jordan Leinen, Isaac Leinen, Caitlin Argotsinger served as Casket Bearers. Burial was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Earling.

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