

Roman Anthony Gaul

Roman Anthony Gaul, son of John and Odelia (Schnuettgen) Gaul, was born on July 6, 1919, on the same family farm near Earling, Iowa, that his mother was born. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and remained a member there his entire life. He attended school at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling. After his schooling, Roman joined the service and fought overseas in the Pacific Theater during World War II. After his honorable discharge from the United States Army, Roman married Mildred Rau on October 5, 1948, and began their grain, hog and dairy farming career.

Eleven children were born to Roman and Mildred: Carla, Mike, Gerarda, Mark, Don, Joe, Ann, Mary, Gina, Karen and Michele. Together they raised their children on the family farm

where two of the sons remained to farm with their father. Later in life when Roman was not reading, he could be found on one of his daily walks that he so enjoyed. It was the walking that earned him a "Slow Moving Vehicle" sweatshirt from his family! Even after his retirement in 1987, Roman continued to help on the family farm at planting and harvest time.

Roman moved to the Little Flower Haven in Earling, Iowa, in 2003. He died on Thursday, October 19, 2006, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan having attained the age of eighty-seven years, three months, and thirteen days. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Gerarda; his grandchildren: Angela May Tepe and Glenn Joseph Gaul and his brother, Cyril.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-eight years, Mildred Gaul of Earling, Iowa; his children: Carla Gaul of Omaha, Nebraska, Mike Gaul of Earling, Mark Gaul and his wife Patricia of League City, Texas, Don Gaul and his wife Mary of Earling, Joe Gaul and his wife Mallory of Earlham, Iowa, Ann Gaul of Omaha, Mary and her husband Christopher Tepe of Elkridge, Maryland, Gina Gaul of Lincoln, Nebraska, Karen Gaul of Des Moines, Iowa and Michele Gaul of Omaha; his grandchildren: Justine, Naomi, Veronica and Glenn Gaul and Marielle and Jonathan Tepe; his brothers and sisters: Valerie and her husband Barney Zimmerman of Westphalia, Iowa, Marian Marshall of Omaha, Collette Butterfield of Seattle, Washington, Vern Gaul and his wife Betty of Earling, Dewie Gaul and his wife Mavis of Sioux City, Iowa, John Gaul and his wife Ann of Omaha, and Angie Gaul of Earling; nieces and nephews, other relatives, and many friends.



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