



Earl E. Henkhaus

November 6, 1925 - August 9, 2005

Earl E. Henkhaus, 79, of Hamel died Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2005, at Hitz Memorial Home in Alhambra.

Mr. Henkhaus was born Nov. 6, 1925, in Alhambra to Edward E. and Sophie A. (Henke) Henkhaus. On June 22, 1947, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hamel, he married Irma M. Klenke and she survives.

He was born on the family farm in Alhambra township. He worked at Wagner Electric in Edwardsville and St. Louis from 1948 to 1969. He and his wife then farmed for 30 years in rural Alhambra. He drove a school bus for the Highland School District from the fall of 1971 to June 2001, working at Hampton Bus Company, Zeller Bus Company, Mayflower Bus Company and Laidlaw Bus Company. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren's sporting events. He played dart ball with the church league and liked bowling. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hamel and a former member of the Hamel Volunteer Department.

He also is survived by a son, Ronald E. (Susan) Henkhaus of Edwardsville; three daughters, Maureen (John) Stahl of Pleasant Hill, Mo., Kathryn (Randy) Pfeiffer of Edwardsville and Linda Bickline of Collinsville; two brothers, Roy (Clara) Henkhaus of Hamel and Theodore (Velma) Henkhaus of Alhambra; a sister, Ruth Kelley of Alhambra; 11 grandchildren, Kris (Jennifer) Henkhaus,

Krut (Rachel) Henkhaus, Rebecca Henkhaus, Richard Stahl, Rachel Stahl, Melissa (Fiance Matt Blume) Pfeiffer, Justin Pfeiffer, Travis (Clary) Pfeiffer, Paul Bickline, Jake Bickline and Julie Bickline; five great-grandchildren, Paige Stahl, Briely Stahl, William Henkhaus, Jonathan Henkhaus and Hughes Pfeiffer; sister-in-law, Verna Henkhaus of Staunton; and special friend, Michael Bickline of Highland.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Harry and Allen Henkhaus, and a sister, who died in infancy.

Memorials may be made to Hitz Memorial Home, Heartland Hospice or St. Paul Lutheran church.