



John G. Koelz

January 22, 1920 - January 15, 2006

John George Koelz, age 85, of Highland, IL., died Sunday, January 15, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville, IL.

He was born January 22, 1920, in Highland, IL., the son of George and Tillie (nee Hug) Koelz.

On May 24, 1941, he married Catherine M. \"Kate\" (nee Luber) Koelz, who died November 10, 1997.

Mr. Koelz was born south of Highland and grew up there. He attended Zobrist Country School and was a farmer all of his life. He moved to the farm on Ellis Road on Nov. 30, 1939 and retired in 1987. He was a farmer; it was his vocation and avocation, and his life. He took great pride in his family, the appearance of his home and farm, and loved farming. He was a resource about his family history and the history of the area south of Highland.

He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church-Highland, IL.

Survivors include Daughter-Mari L. (James) Heslop of Belleville, Ill., Grandson-Jonathan R. (Erica) Heslop of Eureka, Mo., Sister-In-Law-Imogene Koelz of Highland, Ill.

He was preceded in death by Father-George J. Koelz, Mother-Tillie M. (nee Hug) Koelz, Wife-Catherine M. \"Kate\" (nee Luber) Koelz (Died 11/10/1997), Sister-Laura Wisnasky, Brother-Gerald Koelz (died 02/22/1998), Sister-Minerva Oswald, Sister-Irma Schneider, Sister-Pearl Bellm.