

1984 Lawrence "Larry" M. Gross, 46

Lawrence Michael Gross, the son of Michael Jacob and Cecelia Marie Klein Gross, was born Oct. 25, 1937, on a farm south of Defiance. He was baptized at St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan. As a young child, he moved with his parents to a farm southeast of Defiance. He then attended St. Paul's school in Defiance. He received his First Communion, and was confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic church in Defiance. After graduating from St. Paul's high school in 1955, he drove a truck for both the Harlan Produce, and the Harlan Coop, and also worked as a mechanic for a short time at White Motors in Harlan.

On Dec. 30, 1961, he married Linda Graeve at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earl- ing. Eight children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed five miles north of Harlan. This is where they have lived and farmed since that time.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan and was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Harlan Council No. 3900, and Luke E. Hart General Assembly, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus of Defiance. He died at his farm on Friday, Jan. 6, 1984, at the age of 46 years, 2 months and 13 days.

He was preceded in death by one brother, John Joseph "Jack" Gross. In addition to his wife Linda of Harlan, he is survived by five daughters, Lisa Gross of Spencer, Lori (Mrs Mike) Larrison of Defiance and LuAnn, Lynn and Lizabeth, all at home; three sons, Larry Dean, Lee Michael and Lance, all at home; his parents, Mike and Cecelia Gross of Harlan; one sister, Janice (Mrs Owen) Langenfeld of Harlan; three brothers, Gerald of Irwin, Ronald of Defiance and Michael of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Monday, Jan. 9, 1984 at St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan, with the Rev. David Polich as celebrant, and Rev. Ken Gross, Rev. Jerry Stessman, Rev. Daniel Petsche, Rev. Wayne Gubbels and Rev. Eugene Klein, all as concelebrants. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, Harlan with Merlyn Brown, John H. Heller, Ivan Fries, Joe Flies, Eugene Schaben and Roger Sorensen serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.