

Frank W. Petsche, 67

Defiance — Frank William Petsche, son of John Herman and Elizabeth Catherine Jacoby Petsche, was born on a farm in Shelby county on Aug. 23, 1910. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface church in Westphalia. He attended St. Boniface school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm.

Frank farmed in the Harlan and Irwin vicinities until retiring in 1973. He then moved to Defiance and this has been his home since that time. His favorite pasttime was the game of baseball in which he participated for many years and later enjoyed as an avid fan. Mr Petsche died at his home in Defiance on Thursday, May 4, 1978 at age 67 years, 8 months and 11 days. He was a member of St. Peter's church in Defiance.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, George and Tony Petsche. His survivors include four brothers - Leo, Michael and Lawrence Petsche, all of Harlan and John Petsche Jr. of Portsmouth; three sisters - Estella (Mrs Bill Boettger) of Harlan, Agnes (Mrs Irvin Chamberlain) of Panama and Cecelia (Mrs LaVern Schwery) of Vail; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Peter's church in Defiance on Saturday, May 6, 1978 with Rev. Robert Chamberlain as celebrant and Rev. Donald Bruck and Rev Leonard Kenkel as concelebrants. Burial was in Harlan cemetery, with Neil Petsche, Galen Schwery, Lavern Petsche, Allen L. Petsche, Duane Chamberlain and Leonard A. Petsche, all nephews of Mr Petsche, serving as pallbearers.
