

William "Bill" Bruck, 59

July 21, 1944 - Sept. 12, 2003

DOW CITY – William "Bill" Bruck was born July 21, 1944, in Earling, to Alfred and Mildred (Schneider) Bruck. He grew up in the Earling and Dow City areas, and he graduated from St. Joseph Catholic School. He worked for Gaul Tractor Service while he was in high school. After graduation, he enlisted in the Army National Guard and served for six years. He was stationed at Ford Leonard Wood, MO and Fort Knox, KY. May 10, 1964, Bill started working for Farmland. He also worked for Roger Collins in the Arion area as a hired hand.

June 12, 1965, he married Peggy Reinig in Panama. The couple lived in the Arion area and had three children.

Sept. 3, 1971, he married Betty Gilbreath Bedsual. The couple has lived in the Dow City area since then. Betty died Aug. 17, 2003. Bill was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He served on the church council and as an usher. He died Sept. 12, 2003, in an auto accident near his home at age 59 years, one month and 22 days.

Bill is preceded in death by his father and his wife, Betty. He is survived by his three children, Cathy (Doug) Deeter of Dover, DE; Cindy (Alan) Dassow of Coal Valley, IL; BJ Bruck (Lyndy) of Rockford; three grandchildren; his mother and stepfather, Mildred and Andy Bruck of Earling; five siblings, Pat Blankman and Dick Siemer of Dow City; Ron Bruck (Mary) of Harlan; Gary Bruck (Mary) of Wills Point, TX; Don "Short" Bruck (JoAnn) of Earling; and Shirley (Dan) Grote of Earling, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 16, 2003, at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dow City, with Rev. Richard Ball officiating. Burial was in the Dow City Cemetery with military services by the Dow City American Legion Post #444. Casket bearers were Jeff Blankman, Ron Bruck, Jr., Greg Grote, Jim Blankman, Danny Bruck, Scott Blankman, Kevin Grote and Brian Grote. Fouts Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.