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Bernard Charles Gross, 69 ✓

Jan. 28, 1922 — Sept. 9, 1991

AVOCA – Bernard Charles Gross was born in Avoca, Jan. 28, 1922. He was the son of William and Grace Ring Gross. He was one of four children in the family. He attended school in Avoca and graduated in 1939. He entered the U.S. Air Corps March 17, 1943. He served 25 months in the Aleutian Islands. He was Honorably Discharged Jan. 17, 1946.

He married Phyllis Stuhr June 18, 1947 at Avoca. They were the parents of two daughters, Cheryl and Rosalie. He owned and operated the Gross Body Shop in Avoca from May of 1948 to January of 1984 when he retired. He was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church of which he was a former member of the church council, 20 year member of the Avoca Volunteer Fire Dept. and a member of the American Legion Post #227. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, Sept. 9, 1991, following a long illness at age 69 years, 7 months and 12 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant daughter, Lanette Kay; two sisters, Beatrice Gross Wise and Wilma Gross Weinmann. Survivors include his wife, Phyllis of Avoca; their daughters, Cheryl (Steve) Drawe of St. Louis, MO., and Rosalie (Lee) Bockelman of Omaha, NE.; 6 grandchildren; 1 sister, Josephine (James) Leslie of Avoca; brother-in-law, Marion Weinmann of Avoca; brother-in-law, John Stuhr (Eileen) of Minden; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Burial was in the Graceland cemetery, Avoca. Funeral services were held Sept. 13, 1991 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca. Rev. James Polich, Celebrant.