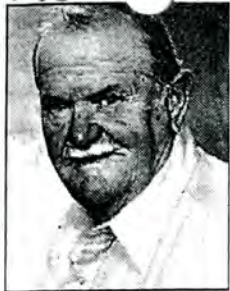


Clarence A. Goeres, 71

Nov. 16, 1925 - March 10, 1997



DEFIANCE - Clarence August Goeres, son of Joseph John and Marie Blum Goeres, was born Nov. 16, 1925, at Defiance. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church and attended country school near Defiance and St. Paul's Catholic School in Defiance. He grew to adulthood on his parents' farm near Defiance.

April 7, 1947, he married Virginia Altman in St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. To this union four children were born. After their marriage they lived on a farm west of Earling for two years. They then moved to a farm two miles north and three miles west of Defiance for 24 years before moving to their present farm southwest of Defiance. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. He died at his home near Defiance March 10, 1997, at age 71 years, three months and 22 days.

In addition to his father, Joe Goeres, and his mother, Marie, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Vicki and his step-mother, Josephine. He is survived by his wife, Virginia of Defiance; his children, Steven of Defiance; Terry (Dianne) of Defiance; Cindi (Chris) Barton of Ankeny; six grandchildren; his sisters, Madonna (Ted) Gollobit of Manilla and Margaret (David) Stessman of Defiance, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 12, 1997, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, with Rev. Tom Crowley celebrant. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery with Scott Goeres, Justin Wilwerding, Brian Goeres, Adam Goeres, Michael Schmitz and Denny Arkfeld casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.