

Robert (Bob) Goeser, 71

July 26, 1937 – June 3, 2009

CRESCENT – Robert "Bob" James Goeser was born to Godfrey and Loretta (Herrig) Goeser on July 26, 1937 in Harlan, the oldest of 4 children. The Lord called him home on June 3, 2009 in Council Bluffs, at age 71. He grew up on a farm and attended Saint Boniface School in Westphalia. Bob was an avid baseball player, playing for both the Westphalia White Socks and Red Socks. He held several jobs as a young man, including farming with his father and driving cement trucks to help pave Highway 191 from Portsmouth to Panama. He was a member of the National Guard. Bob moved to Omaha in 1955, going to work for Elanco, a subsidiary of Eli Lilly. He worked there for 32 years as a shipping clerk until his retirement in 1988, at age 49.

Bob married the love of his life, Patricia (McLaughlin) on October 3, 1964. They made their home in rural Crescent where they raised their three children – Russ, Nancy, and Randy. In addition to working at Elanco, Bob was an active farmer and raised livestock. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Old Timers Baseball Association. Bob enjoyed his family and grandchildren. Beginning in 1991, Bob and Pat wintered annually in Mission, TX. He took enjoyment in fishing in his farm pond, caring for his animals, and family fishing trips to Minnesota each summer. Bob collected and restored 44 antique tractors. He also had a collection of toy tractors, cookbooks, and enjoyed tuning into the Food Network. Bob could often be found sitting under the shade tree on nice afternoons and evenings.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, son Randy in 1989, and sisters Bernetta Ulrich and Betty Schmidt. Bob is survived by his wife Pat of nearly 45 years, children Russ and wife Joan of Honey Creek, daughter Nancy and husband Derrick Sudmann of Council Bluffs; four grandchildren: Amanda and Ryan Goeser, Taylor and Konnor Sudmann; sister Colleen McLaughlin and husband Dick of Harlan; nieces, nephews, and many loved ones.

A Wake service was held Sunday, June 7, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. at Cutler – O'Neill Funeral Home with visitation following until 6:00 p.m. His Funeral Mass was held Monday, June 8, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church. Interment was in the Ridgewood Cemetery. A lunch followed at St. Patrick's parish Hall. The family will direct memorials

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