

Charles Goetzinger, 61

Oct. 16, 1945 - June 12, 2007

WESTPHALIA – Charles "Chuck" Goetzinger was born Oct. 16, 1945, to Edward and Agnes (Wageman) Goetzinger in Harlan. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, and remained a lifelong member of that parish. He attended elementary school and graduated from St. Boniface Catholic School in Westphalia.

Aug. 28, 1965, Chuck married Jane Goeser at St. Boniface. Four children were born to this union: Gina, Edward, Sheila, and Melissa. Charles and Jane raised their family on a farm outside of Westphalia for thirty years before moving to Westphalia in 2004. He enlisted in the United States Army in February of 1966 and served during the Vietnam War. After he was honorably discharged from service in February of 1968, he returned home and began employment at Western Iowa Pork. He then spent many years farming and trucking. Chuck was also employed at G & R Grain and Jim's Wholesale Meats in Harlan where he remained until his accident. He coached and played in the Western Iowa League for the Westphalia Red Sox. He could be heard announcing Harvest Tournament games and was known to almost everyone as "The Voice of Westphalia". Chuck had been admitted to the Alegent Health Immanuel Medical Center in Omaha, NE and it was there that he died June 12, 2007, at age sixty-one years, seven months, and twenty-seven days.

Chuck was preceded in death by his father, Edward. He is survived by his wife of nearly forty-two years, Jane Goetzinger of Westphalia; his children: Gina (Matt) Tuttle of Clive, Edward Goetzinger of Westphalia, Sheila (Bryan) Van Veldhuizen of Chula Vista, CA, and Melissa (Todd) Bruck of Harlan; three grandchildren; his mother Agnes Goetzinger of Westphalia; two sisters: Anna Mae (Dale) Gross of Harlan and Marilyn (Ron) Zimmerman of Underwood; two brothers: Bill Goetzinger (Lois) and Larry Goetzinger (Julie), all of Westphalia; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held June 15, 2007, with Rev. John Dorton officiating at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Casket bearers were Randy Zimmerman, Kyle Gross, David Goetzinger, Greg Goeser, Ronald O'Tool, Josh Goeser, and Ken Keitel. Military Rites were held by the Defiance-Westphalia American Legion Post No. 707 at St. Boniface Cemetery in Westphalia. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

