

Peter N. Gubbels, 82

April 30, 1916 - Jan. 7, 1999

HARLAN - Peter Norbert Gubbels, son of Peter and Clara (Bock) Gubbels was born April 30, 1916 on a farm near Westphalia. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Church in Westphalia and attended St. Boniface School.

June 8, 1943 he married Catherine Stinn at St. Joseph's Church in Earling. Five children were born to this union, Rev. Wayne, Cletus, Karen, Janice, and Gwendolyn. He worked on area farms before purchasing his own farm. The couple farmed southwest of Westphalia until they retired in 1978. They were active members of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia and took an active part in church activities. He served as lector, president of the Holy Name Society, served as Eucharist Minister, managed Legion and Little League baseball clubs, was a member of the fire department, served as director, president and secretary of Co-op, was a Lincoln Township clerk, treasurer of the Lincoln Township School board, secretary of County Good Road Committee, a member of the Shelby County Rural Zoning Board, member of the Farm Bureau, the National Policy Board and Environmental Committee and a member of the Historical Society. In 1983 they moved to their present home in Harlan. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. He died Jan. 7, 1999 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 82 years, 8 months and 7 days. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother Alvin Gubbels and his sons-in-law, Michael Gross and Robert Robinson. He is survived by his wife Catherine of Harlan and his children, Rev. Wayne Gubbels of Anita, Cletus Gubbels (Mary Jane) of Harlan, Karen Gross of Harlan, Janice (Kenneth) Klein of Harlan, and Gwendolyn (Marc) Clemon of Soldier; 13 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; his brothers and sisters, Sabina (Eldred) Conrad of Harlan, Sylvia (Edmund) Goeser of Westphalia, Ambrose Gubbels (Rita) of Harlan, Cyril Gubbels (Therese) of Co. Bluffs, Virginia (Cletus) Lickteig of Denison, Helen (Dwight) Wubbenhorst of Herman, NE, Mary Ann (Francis) Koesters of Earling, and Rev. Richard Gubbels of Adel; his sister-in-law Minerva Gubbels of Harlan and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Jan. 11, 1999 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with Rev. Wayne Gubbels as the Presider, Rev. Howard Fitzgerald the Homilist, Rev. Richard Gubbels concelebrating, assisted by Rev. Mr. Pat Davitt. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery in Westphalia with Kyle Klein, Lee Stoltzenberg, Chad Klein, Jim Goeser, Brian Gross and Jerry Graber casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

