

Louis Heller, 65

Nov. 15, 1947 - May 5, 2013

AVOCA — Louis Albert Heller was born on November 15, 1947 to Leonard and Lucille (Hanrahan) Heller on a farm southwest of Defiance. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance and attended St. Paul's Catholic School, graduating with the Class of 1965.

September 19, 1970, he was united in marriage to Sherry Newland. They had five children: Tami, Barry, Traci, Misty, and Colby. Louis served in the United States Army Reserve for seven years before receiving his honorable discharge soon after the Vietnam War ended. He worked at Farmland Foods in Denison for twenty-five years, opened his own business in

Defiance, "Lou Heller Saw Sharpening" in 1990, and worked at Variety Distributors in Harlan, retiring in 2011 because of his health. After his retirement, he moved to Avoca. He enjoyed carpentry and wood working, grilling, and maintaining his large garden. He was never without ice cream or candy to hand out, especially for his grandkids. Louis died at his home on Sunday, May 5, 2013 having attained the age of sixty-five years, five months, and twenty days.

Louis was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his children: Tami and her husband Todd Pauley of Avoca, Barry Heller of Avoca, Traci and her husband Shane Dreckman of LeMars, Misty and her husband Bryan Weidner of Minden, and Colby Heller and Emmy Heim of Persia; sixteen grandchildren; brothers and sisters: Roger Heller of Defiance, Mary and her husband James Hermeling of Manilla, Paul Heller of Carroll, Maxine and her husband Jim Whelchel of Council Bluffs, Helen and her husband Dennis Freund of Earling, Agnes and her husband David Pursell of Sun City Center, FL, Bernard Heller and his wife Connie of Council Bluffs, Lavonne and her husband Terry Schulte of Westphalia, Jim Heller and his wife Mary of Manilla, and Tom Heller of Defiance; other family members and friends.

Rev. Chris Fontanini celebrated the 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. Music was provided by Judy Rewerts and Jan Rau. Serving as casket bearers were Jim Heller, Roger Heller, Dick Gundersen, Tom Heller, Bernie Heller, Paul Heller, and Terry Schulte. Military Rites were performed by the Defiance and Westphalia American Legion Post No. 707 at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance.



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