

Louis Muhlbauer, 68

June 26, 1929 - Dec. 25, 1997

MANILLA - Louis John Muhlbauer, son of Charles and Mary Stoberl Muhlbauer, was born June 26, 1929, near Halbur. He graduated from Manning High School in 1947 and then attended WestMar College for a year. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Iowa State University in 1950.

June 12, 1950, he married Phyllis Kerkhoff of Templeton. Nine children were born to this union. Louie taught vocational agriculture for three years at Manning High School and for one year taught government and industrial arts at Viola Township School. For three years, he was the department Poultry Supervisor at Priebe & Sons Hatchery. Louie was a livestock and crop farmer for 28 years in the Audubon and Manning area. Throughout his life he enjoyed training horses. Louie served as Crawford County Supervisor for four years. In 1982, he was elected to his first term as State Representative in the Iowa House of Representatives. He continued to serve this office through 1992. While in office he rose to the rank of Assistant Majority Leader.

Louie was a member of Sacred Heart Parish of Manilla, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus-Council #2074, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Polka Klub of Iowa and vice president of the Manilla Area Historical Association. He died suddenly and unexpectedly at his home in Manilla, Dec. 25, 1997, at age 68 years, five months and 26 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandchild, Samuel Louis Muhlbauer, in infancy; six brothers and a sister, Charles Jr., Henry, Joseph, in infancy, Joseph, Sophia Kuhse, Anthony and William "Bill" Muhlbauer. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis of Manilla; nine children, Daryl Muhlbauer and Karen of Atlantic; Barbara (Russell) Baker of La Vista, NE; Joyce (Garry) Price of Mifflintown, PA; Donna (Thomas) Rohe of LeMars; Gary Muhlbauer (Tammy) of Manilla; Daniel Muhlbauer (Patti) of Manilla; Jeffrey Muhlbauer (Maria) of Manilla; Michael Muhlbauer (Theresa) of Lewis and Thomas Muhlbauer and Lisa of Griswold; 38 grandchildren; two sisters, Marie (Victor) Wendl of Carroll and Rose Anne (Wes) Nulle of Manning; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 29, 1997, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Manilla, with Father Robert Galapp, Father John Cain and Father Lloyd White concelebrating. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Manilla. Honorary casket bearers were his grandchildren. Casket bearers were Paul Muhlbauer, Jared Muhlbauer, Keith Muhlbauer, Mark Rohe, Bob Baker and David Muhlbauer. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.