

Anthony G. Patten, 66

Sept. 19, 1935 - April 4, 2002



DEFIANCE – Anthony G. Patten was born in Westphalia, to Stephen and Johanna (Coenen) Patten and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War and worked as the postmaster of the Defiance Post Office. He was a member of St. Peter's Church, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, all in Defiance and performed with the Westphalia Church and the St. Boniface Choir.

He married Mary E. Zak. They were married 42 years. He died April 4, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha, at age 66 years, four months and 15 days.

Survivors in addition to his wife include two daughters, Christine Patten of Omaha and Michelle Kronen of Jacksonville, FL; brother, Harold Patten (Mary) of Council Bluffs; four sisters, Gladys (Severn) Michalski of Crescent; Rosemary (Ralph) Michalski of Council Bluffs; Corsina Sterzinger of Colby, WI and Katherine (Claude) Frieze of Council Bluffs; four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

A memorial service was held April 6, 2002, at St. Peter's Church in Defiance, with the Rev. Michael B. Berner officiating. Inurnment was in St. Peter's Cemetery. Military rites were conducted by the Defiance Veterans of Foreign Wars. Belford-O'Neill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.