

# Chris H. Gau, 86

**DEFIANCE** — Chrysant Hubert Gau, son of Chrysant and Annie M. (Pickard) Gau, was born on a farm near Westphalia, on Sept. 14, 1890. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Aug. 25, 1977 at age 86 years, 11 months and 11 days. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface church in Westphalia. He attended St. Boniface school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. On Feb. 15, 1915, he married Anna F. Breidenbach at St. Ann's church in Geddes, So. Dak. Four children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Gau made their home in Geddes until 1921 when they moved to Shelby county, settling near Westphalia. They engaged in farming and Chris worked as a carpenter. They moved to Defiance in 1940 and this has been their home since that time. Mr and Mrs Gau were privileged to celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary this past Febr. Chris was a long time member of St. Peter's church in Defiance. He was also a member of the Holy Name Society and was a past member of the Knights of Columbus.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 3 sisters - Maggie, Anna and Mathilda; and by seven brothers - Joseph, Arnold, Pete, Albert, Fred, Cornelius, and William. His survivors include his wife, Anna of Defiance; a son, Joseph of Omaha; three daughters - Ger-tude (Mrs Alden Janssen) of Tiffin, Mildred (Mrs John Kirschbaum, Jr.) of Defiance and Veronica (Mrs Ralph Pauley) of Woodbine; 20 grandchildren; 28 grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Peter's church in Defiance. Monday, Aug. 29, 1977 with Rev. Donald Bruck as celebrant and Rev. Fred P. Reischl and Rev. A. W. Fischer as con-celebrants. Burial was in St. Peter's cemetery with Neil Gau, Nick Gau, Donald Pauley, Ronald Pauley, Richard Janssen and Robert Kirschbaum, all grandsons of Mr Gau, serving as pallbearers.