



THE LIFE STORY OF—

**Joseph
Goeres, 82**

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Defiance — Joseph John Goeres, son of Peter and Elizabeth Koch Goeres, was born on a farm in Shelby county near Earling, on Feb. 28, 1897. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's church in Earling. He attended country school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. Joseph started farming on his own in 1917 on a farm near Defiance.

On March 29, 1921, he married Marie Blum at St. Joseph's church in Earling. Three children were born to this union. They made their home on the farm near Defiance. After Marie's death in Feb. of 1928, Joseph continued to live on the farm.

On March 3, 1930, he married Josephine Coty at St. Peter's church in Defiance. One daughter was born to this union. They farmed near Defiance and later their daughter, Margie, and her husband, Dave, and family made their home with him. Joseph continued to live on the farm until the fall of 1972 when he moved with the Stessmans into Defiance. This has been his home since that time. It was here that he died on Monday, Nov. 26, 1979, at age 82 years, 8 months and 28 days. Mr Goeres had been a long time member of St. Peter's church in Defiance.

In addition to his parents, Marie Goeres, and Josephine Goeres, he was preceded in death by an infant daughter; a granddaughter, Vicki Goeres; five brothers - Theodore, John, Peter, Jr., August, and an infant; four sisters - Anna Miller, Cathryn Mehrens, Rosa Goeres, and Barbara Goeres. Survivors include a son, Clarence Goeres of Defiance; two daughters - Donna (Mrs Ted Gollobit) of Manilla and Margie (Mrs Dave Stessman) of Defiance; 11 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Peter's church in Defiance, on Thursday, Nov. 29, 1979, with Msgr. John McIlhon as celebrant and Rev. Tom Coenen as concelebrant. Burial was in St. Peter's cemetery, Defiance, with Randy Stolz, Cliris Barton, Terry Goeres, Bruce Gollobit, Larry Stessman and Roger Stessman serving as pallbearers.