



THE LIFE STORY OF —

John J. Heller, 35

John Joseph Heller, the son of Irvin and Julia Rosman Heller was born on Jan. 18, 1949 in Earling. He was baptized, received his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic church in Defiance where he was an active member all his life. He attended St. Paul's Catholic school in Defiance and graduated there with the class of 1966. After graduating from high school he attended Creighton University.

On Nov. 23, 1968 he married Mary Lou Coenen at St. Boniface Catholic church in Westphalia. Four children were born to this union Nicole, Andrea, Mathew and Mark. After their marriage, they farmed in the Defiance area. While farming he also became a member of the U.S. Army Reserve in Dec. of 1970. While in the Army Reserves he attained the rank of Sergeant First Class in the 915th Transportation Company of Co. Bluffs. In Nov. of 1976 he was transferred to Standby Reserve.

He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic church and also the Community club both of Defiance. He died on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 1984 as the result of an automobile accident, three miles north and $\frac{1}{4}$ mile east on Shelby County Road M-16, at the age of 35 years, 9 months and 7 days.

He is survived by two daughters Nicole and Andrea and two sons Mathew and Mark all at home; his parents Irvin and Julia Heller of Irwin; three sisters Julie Renee (Mrs James) Bolejack and Mary (Mrs Jeff) Segin both of Ankeny and Ann (Mrs Lawrence) Hanigan M.D. of Omaha, Neb.; three brothers Irvin Jr of Guthrie, Okla. and David and Daniel both of Irwin; nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles and othe relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, Sept. 29, 1984 at St. Peter's Catholic church in Defiance with the Rev. Lawrence Beeson as the Celebrant, and Rev. Greg Leach and Rev. Tom Coenen as the concelebrated. Burial was in the Sts. Peter and Paul cemetery, Defiance, with Tom Gross, Dan Ahrenholtz, Ron Schaben, George Sonderman, Leo Sonderman, Ron Schaben, Gus Schnuettgen and Dick Mulligan serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.