

James A. Kaufmann, 37

James Anthony Kaufmann, the son of Aloysius and Marcella Esser Kaufmann, was born Oct. 29, 1946 in Cook co., Chicago, Ill. He was baptized, received his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Michael's Catholic church in Chicago. He attended elementary school and high school at St. Michael's school in Chicago. He then attended college in San Antonio, Texas for several years.

On May 3, 1967, he was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served his community as a Sergeant in the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries received in combat. After his Honorable Discharge on May 2, 1969, he returned to Chicago, Ill., where he started a grocery business.

In Nov. of 1973, he married Erika Detchloff in Chicago, Ill. One son, Shawn, was born to this union. After their marriage, they lived in the Chicago area and continued to operate the grocery business. After Mrs Kaufmann's death in Sept. of 1978, he continued to make his home in Chicago. A few years later he sold his grocery business and started nursing at the Hines Veteran's hospital at Hines, Ill., but continued to live in Chicago.

James was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic church in Forrest Park, Ill. He died on Wednesday, Oct. 3, 1984 at Hines Veteran's hospital in Hines, Ill. at the age of 37 years, 11 months and 5 days.

He was preceded in death by his father Aloysius Kaufmann and his brother Nilus Kaufmann. He is survived by his son, Shawn, of Chicago, Ill.; his mother Marcella of Earling; one sister-in-law Betty Kaufmann and two nephews Greg and Dan Kaufmann all of Chicago, Ill.; other relatives and many friends.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 6, 1984 at St. Boniface Catholic church in Westphalia, with the Rev. Ken Gross as the celebrant and the Rev. Howard Fitzgerald as the concelebrant.

Burial was in the St. Boniface cemetery, Westphalia with Mark Kauffman, Keith Kauffman, Bob Kauffman, Greg Kauffman, Tim Christensen, and Don Kauffman all serving as casketbearers. Military rites were conducted at the cemetery by the 3902 Air Wing from Offitt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Neb.

Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.