

The Life Story of —

FRANK A. KLOEWER, 79

DEFIANCE — Frank, Anton Kloewer, son of John and Veronica Guderjahn Kloewer, was born Sept. 26, 1894 on a farm near Westphalia. He died at Nebraska Methodist hospital in Omaha, Nebr., on Sept. 11, 1974, just 15 days before his 80th birthday. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface church in Westphalia. He served his Country during WWI, serving with the U.S. Army overseas in France. After his discharge in March of 1919 he returned to his home in Westphalia. On Jan. 20, 1920 he married Anna Rau at St. Boniface church in Westphalia. Ten children were born to this union. They were privileged to observe their 54th wedding anniversary this year. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Kloewer farmed near Westphalia for 23 years. They then moved to a farm near Defiance and lived there until 1961. They moved to their present home in Defiance at this time. Mr Kloewer has been a member of St. Peter's church since moving to the Defiance community. He was also a member of St. Peter's Holy Name Society, the American Legion Defiance Post No. 707 of Defiance and of the the World War I Barracks No. 1508 of Harlan.

He was preceded in death by his son - Eugene, who was killed in France during WWII by his parents; three grandsons - Jerry Michael Kloewer, Gene F. Leinen, and Tom Block; by one sister - Veronica (Mrs Anton Rau) and one brother - Hubert Kloewer. Mr Kloewer is survived by his wife, Anna; by five daughters - Rita (Mrs Marcus Leinen) of Portsmouth, Mrs Marie Block of Dunlap, Sister Frances Kloewer of Fremont, Nebr. Margaret (Mrs Raphael Grote) of Dunlap and Stella (Mrs Joe Bexton) of Manilla; by four sons - Gerald of Irwin, Roman of Panama, Charles of Denison, and Michael of Manilla; by 46 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren; by two sisters - Rose (Mrs Al Schiltz) of Westphalia and Anna (Mrs Tony Klein) of Manilla; by two brothers - Gottlieb J. Kloewer of Panama and Otto Kloewer of Harlan; by his nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Peter's church in Defiance on Saturday, Sept. 14 1974 with Rev. James A. Freeman, Pastor, as celebrant. The concelebrants were Rev. James Fitzgerald, Rev. George Shoemaker, Rev. Fred P. Reischl and Rev. James Kleffman. Burial was in St. Peter's cemetery in Defiance with Ron Kloewer, Jerry Bexten, Rodney Block, Richard Grote, Larry Kloewer, and Kenneth Leinen, his grandsons, serving as pallbearers. Military honors were conducted at the grave by members of the American Legion Defiance Post No. 707 and World War I Barracks 1508. Pauley Home for Funerals of Harlan was in charge of Funeral arrangements.