

## R.G. Rewerts, 78

Defiance — Reinhart George "Rhiny" Rewerts, son of George and Johanna Luhring Rewerts was born July 22, 1902 in Defiance. He attended the Defiance grade school, graduating from Defiance high school in 1919. He pitched for the St. Louis Cardinals Minor League for two years and then pitched for several pro baseball teams in western Iowa.

On April 15, 1937, he married Selina Loehr in Defiance. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home in Defiance, where Rhiny worked for his father at the Defiance Lumber Co. He took over the lumber company after the death of his father and has been the owner and operator for many years. Mr Rewerts was a member of the Defiance Community club. He died in Defiance on Thursday, April 30, 1981, at age 78 years, 9 months and 8 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Hulda, Annie and Esther Rewerts. Survivors include his wife, Selina of Defiance; one son, George of Defiance; two daughters, JoAnn (Mrs Kenneth) Moore of Omaha and Dorothy (Mrs Harold) Krueger of Omaha; six grandchildren, Debbie Krueger, Lance Rewerts, Don Krueger, Bruce Rewerts, Diane Krueger and Jay Rewerts; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home on Monday, May 4, 1981 with Rev. Norbert P. Loehr, S.J. of Milwaukee, Wisc., officiating. He was assisted by Msgr. John McIlhion of St. Peter's church in Defiance. Burial was in St. Peter's cemetery in Defiance with Don Miller, Robert J. Wells, LaVerne Schmitz, Robert J. Schaben, Eugene H. Schaben and William Ahrenholtz serving as pallbearers.