



John D. Schaben, 45

Defiance — John Donald Schaben, son of William and Josephine Block Schaben was born on a farm in Shelby county near Earling, on July 28, 1933. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's church in Defiance. He attended St. Peter's school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. In Aug. of 1954, Jack entered the Army and served for 18 months in Korea. After receiving his honorable discharge in July of 1956, he returned to Shelby county, where he was engaged in farming.

On Sept. 28, 1959, he married Marlene Gearhart in St. Peter's church in Defiance. Six children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Schaben made their home on a farm near Defiance and this has been their home since that time. They would have celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary this month. Jack died as a result of an auto accident north of Harlan on Sunday, Sept. 10, 1978 at age 45 years, one month and 14 days.

He was a life time member of St. Peter's church in Defiance and was also a member of the Earling Council No. 1741 Knights of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his father; a brother, Marvin and by a sister, Joan. Survivors include his wife, Marlene of Earling; a daughter, Carol at home; five sons - Dean, Brian, David and twins, Rodney and Roger, all at home; and by his mother, Mrs Josephine Schaben of Defiance; by five brothers - Charles, Raymond and Eugene, all of Earling; Duane of Co. Bluffs and Ronald of Defiance; four sisters - Betty (Mrs Leroy Grote) of Defiance, Delores (Mrs Jack Staley) of Carroll and Janice (Mrs Cletus Schmitz) and Gladys (Mrs Dan Rau), both of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Peter's church in Defiance on Thursday, Sept. 14, 1978 with Rev. Donald Bruck as celebrant. Burial was in St. Peter's cemetery with Bill Grote, John Staley, Gary Schaben, Rick Schaben, Keith Schaben and Myron Schaben, all nephews of Mr Schaben, serving as pallbearers.
