

JOE SONDERMAN, 70**DEFIANCE** — Joseph Francis

Sonderman, son of August and Elizabeth Kenkel Sonderman, was born Oct. 21, 1903 on a farm near Earling. He died at his home in Defiance, on June 20, 1974, at age of 70 years, 7 months, 29 days. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's church in Earling and he attended school and grew to adulthood in this community. On Sept. 18, 1928 he married Kathryn Wageman at St. Peter's church in Defiance. Nine children were born to this union. After their marriage they farmed south of Defiance until 1967 when they moved to Harlan. This was their home for 2½ years before they moved to their present home in Defiance. Mr Sonderman has been a member of St. Peter's church of Defiance for over 40 years and he was also a member of the Holy Name Society of this church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother - John, one sister - Barbara, and two grandchildren - Dean Kloewer and Gaylen Sonderman. Surviving are his wife, Kathryn; five daughters - Marcy (Mrs Earl Powers) of Defiance; Pearl (Mrs Harold Schulte) of Earling; Micky (Mrs Donald Kloewer) of Defiance; Alice (Mrs Richard Kloewer) of Englewood, Colo.; and Jane (Mrs Gerald Tremel) of Dunlap; by four sons - James of Defiance; Harry of Portsmouth; George and Leo, both of Defiance; and by 29 grandchildren; by three brothers - Alfred of Akron, Ohio; Vincent of Portsmouth; and Albert of Earling; by three sisters - Mathilda (Mrs Joe Morfeld) of Panama; Lavine (Mrs Roman Rosman) of Earling; and Margaret (Mrs Walter Huebner) of LaHabra, Calif. by his nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, June 24, 1974 at St. Peter's church in Defiance with Rev. James A. Freeman as celebrant. The concelebrants were: Rev. Eugene Koch, Rev. Fred P. Reischl, and Rev. Eugene Klein. Burial was in St. Peter's cemetery in Defiance with Dennis Kloewer, Tom Powers, Mike Schulte, Ron Kloewer, Guy Sonderman, and Dan Schulte, his grandsons, serving as pallbearers.