

Francis J. Bissen, 68

Nov. 10, 1931 - Oct. 6, 2000

DEFIANCE - Francis John Bissen, son of Joseph and Anna (Erbacher) Bissen, was born Nov. 10, 1931, at Defiance. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, attended St. Paul's Catholic School and was a member of the graduating class of 1949.

Dec. 30, 1953, he married Marcy Schmitz at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Six children were born to this union, Donald, Darrell, Denice, Dean, DyAnn and Delbert. After their marriage the Bissen family lived on a farm that Francis' father had farmed. He spent 22 months in the United States Army as a sergeant during the Korean War. He is a member of the American Legion Post No. 707 of Defiance, and a 4th Degree Knight. He is also a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. He died Oct. 6, 2000, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 68 years, ten months and 26 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter, Katherine. Survivors include his wife, Marcy of Defiance; his children, Don Bissen (Patricia) of Hooper, NE; Darrell Bissen (Brenda) of Denison; Denice (Don) Wurr of Colorado Springs, CO; Dean Bissen of Defiance; DyAnn (Doug) Muff of Westminster, CO and Delbert Bissen (Jill) of Defiance; 11 grandchildren; his brothers and sisters, Benita Schiltz of Earling; Leonard Bissen (Bernice) of Defiance; Marvin Bissen (Helen) of Harlan; Ann (LaVern) Christensen of Carroll; and other relatives.

Oct. 9, 2000, a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Michael Berner at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. Military rites were conducted at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance, by the Defiance American Legion Post No. 707. Casket bearers were Sherman Conkel, Joe Bissen, Bobby Schmitz, John Schmitz, Ed Schmitz, Bob Schiltz, Bill Bissen and Roger Bissen. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

