

John F. Blum, 62

Oct. 30, 1937 - Sept. 25, 2000

DEFIANCE - John Francis Blum, son of Raymond and Elizabeth M. (Ingram) Blum, was born Oct. 30, 1937, at Defiance. The youngest of four children, John was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, and attended St. Peter's Catholic School. He was an employee of Shelby County for 34 years working on the road maintenance crew. He retired from Shelby County Oct. 31, 1999. He also assisted in maintaining the church and church grounds in Defiance, and also mowed for the city of Defiance. Always a community supporter, John was recognized as the Defiance Citizen of the Year. He died Sept. 25, 2000, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 62 years, 10 months and 25 days.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father. Survivors include his siblings, Ronald Blum (Bernice) of Omaha, NE; Ruth (Tony) Caruso of Omaha, NE and Lawrence Blum (Janis) of Harlan; 14 nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Sept. 27, 2000, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, with the Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance, with Gary Kohles, Leonard Wells, Larry Blum, Randy Blum, Bob Kloewer, Rich Leinen and Rich Tejral casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

