

Anthony Goetz, 62

July 13, 1933 - Jan. 10, 1996

WESTPHALIA - Anthony Raymond "Tony" Goetz, Sr., son of Joseph and Antonia (Schechinger) Goetz, was born July 13, 1933 on a farm near Westphalia. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, and attended St. Boniface School, graduating with the class of 1951. After school, he helped on the family farm. Dec. 14, 1954 he entered the United States Army serving his country during the Korean Conflict. After his honorable discharge Dec. 4, 1956, he returned to Westphalia to help on the farm.

May 30, 1966 he married Norma Weis at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Westphalia. He then became employed at Farmland in Denison, a position he held for the next twenty-five years, retiring in Oct. of 1992. After the death of Norma Feb. 27, 1993, he continued to reside on the family farm until the time of his death on Jan. 10, 1996 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 62 years, five months and 28 days.

He was a baseball standout, and coached all levels of baseball in Shelby County. He was especially proud of coaching the Westphalia Red Sox Team. He loved his claim as being the fastest runner in Shelby County, and thrived at competition. He had a deep love for this family, and was especially proud of his grandson, Boston Douglas. He was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, the Defiance American Legion, Post #707 and was a 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus, Earling Council #1741. He was also Past President of the United Foods and Commercial Workers Labor Union, Local No. 271.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Walter Goetz. He is survived by his children, Shari (Dean) Schneider, of Maryville, MO; Anthony R. Goetz, Jr. and Mark Goetz both of Harlan; a grandson, Boston Douglas Schneider of Maryville; his brothers and sister, Gerald (Theresa) Goetz, of Irwin; Rita (Richard) Doran of Harlan; and Michael (Elaine) Goetz of Westphalia; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Jan. 13, 1996 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia with Rev. Thomas Crowley celebrant and Msgr. Edward Kelly, Rev. Paul Bianchi and Rev. Charles Kottas concelebrating. Military rites were conducted by the Defiance American Legion, Post #707 at St. Boniface Cemetery in Westphalia with Ed Lickteig, Frank Wageman, Mert Kastens, Ralph Lickteig, Tom Wageman, Gene Blum, John Henscheid, Donald Schomers, Larry Brayman, Steve Miller, Denny Finken and Ron Zimmerman honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were John Goetz, Tom Muenchrath, Jr., Rick Pauley, Bob Weis, Jr., Ken Alexander, Jr., Todd Pauley, Randall Doran and Steve McGuill. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.