

LeRoy Goetzinger, 64

DEFIANCE - LeRoy Benedict Goetzinger, son of Joseph Charles and Catherine (Blum) Goetzinger, was born March 17, 1925 in Defiance. He died June 11, 1989 at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, NE., at age 64 years, two months and 26 days. He was baptized, received his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Peter's Church in Defiance. He had been a member of this church all his life. He attended country school near Defiance and graduated from the eighth grade.

Nov. 24, 1948, he married Vernella Backhaus at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manilla. Three sons and one daughter were born to this union. The Goetzingers were proud to have celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last Nov. He had been employed by the Chicago-Milwaukee Railroad for 18 years, followed by 18 years at Farmland in Denison.

In addition to his parents; he was preceded in death by twin grandsons, Sidney and Jacob; and five sisters, Elizabeth, Clara, Marcella, Clea and Helen. He is survived by his wife, Vernella of Defiance; three sons, Stanley of Defiance; James of Solon; and Mark of Co. Bluffs; one daughter, Donna (Mrs Keith) Lingle of Manilla; three grandchildren; four brothers, LaVerne and Charles both of Defiance; Edward of Westphalia; and Virgil of Alma, MI.; four sisters, Irene (Mrs Clarence) Backhaus of Manilla; Lucille (Mrs Ed) Hoxworth of Omaha; Josephine (Mrs Albert) Heller of Defiance; and Rose Marie (Mrs Everett) Rasmussen of Co. Bluffs; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 14, 1989 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Defiance with Rev. Cornelius Gaul as the celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Ron Ertl, Jerry Heller, Douglas Backhaus, Jack Foley, Ron Jacobsen and Kenneth Kloewer serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.