

## Charles T. Gross, 64

**WALNUT** - Charles Thomas Gross was born Oct. 29, 1923 in Pottawattamie County. He was the son of George T. and Susan Smith Gross. He was one of four children. He started school in the Layton Twp. Country School # 8. He attended high school in Walnut and graduated with the class of 1940.

He married Phyllis Brinson on June 22, 1946 in Avoca. They made their home on a farm south of Walnut. They were the parents of four children, George, Robert, Sue and Chuck. Charles and his father farmed together and operated a large cattle feeding operation. After the death of his father he continued with the farming operation. He belonged to St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Walnut and was presently serving on the fiance committee of the church. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus in Atlantic.

He died suddenly at Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha, NE after a brief illness at age 64 years, 11 months and 16 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one infant brother John. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis of Walnut; their children, George of Walnut; Robert of Walnut, Chuck of Walnut and Sue (Mrs Dennis) Rodenburg of Underwood; 11 grandchildren; two sisters, Kathryn Sievers of Walnut and Betty (Mrs Walter) Rieck of Atlantic; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 18, 1988 at St. Patrick's Church, Walnut with Fr. Phillip Lawlor, celebrant. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery with Larry Sievers, Walter Rieck Jr., Floyd Foreman, Stan Sievers, Ted Stenberg and Tom Moore serving as casket bearers. Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.