

## Edmund "Ed" Goeser, 95

Dec. 1 (1999) Oct. 21, 2005

**WESTPHALIA** — Edmund "Ed" Nicholas Goeser, son of Jacob and Magdalena Kenkel Goeser, was born Dec. 1, 1909 at Iona, MN. He attended St. Boniface Catholic School in Westphalia, and was a member of the graduating class of 1931. Ed then attended Des Moines Catholic College for two years and later graduated from St. Ambrose College in Davenport, with a Bachelors of Arts Degree.

May 5, 1942, Ed married Sylvia Gubbels at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Five children were born to this union. In September of 1942, Ed joined the United States Army Air Force serving in Texas, California, Washington and Montana. He was honorably discharged in January of 1945. After his discharge, he returned home to farm until his retirement in 1975. In 1977, they moved into Westphalia. Ed was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church, St. Boniface Holy Name Society, was a charter member and was instrumental in the organization of the Westphalia Fire Department and served as treasurer for 20 years, served on the board of directors for the Co-op and Credit Union and was employed as Treasurer of the Westphalia Credit Union for over 50 years. He was also a member of the Westphalia Athletic Hall of Fame and was named "Fan of the Years." He played for the Red Sox Team and umpired for many games. Ed was also a member and officer of "Happy Hour," a senior citizen's club for many years. He and Sylvia served as caretakers for the historical Flusche House and assisted with the German Colonies Tours. Ed died Oct. 21, 2005, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 95 years, 10 months and 20 days.

In addition to his parents, Ed was preceded in death by his brothers, Joseph, Godfrey and Arthur, and a son-in-law, Steve Keitel. Survivors include his wife, Sylvia of Westphalia; his children, Jolene (Joe) O'Tool of Alpha, IL; Jane (Charles) Goetzinger of Westphalia; Mary Lou Keitel of Davenport; Jim Goeser (June) of Omaha, NE; and Bruce Goeser (Julie) of Harlan; 17 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Oct. 24, 2005, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, with Rev. John Dorton celebrant and Rev. Wayne Gubbels and Rev. Michael Peters concelebrants. Military rites were conducted in St. Boniface Cemetery in Westphalia by the Panama American Legion Post No. 601. Casket bearers were Ron O'Tool, Ed Goetzinger, Kevin O'Tool, Ken Keitel, Joshua Goeser, Brian Keitel, Jerod Goeser, and Greg Goeser. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

