

Edward Goetzinger, 83

Oct. 24, 1918 - Oct. 6, 2002

WESTPHALIA – Edward "Dickie" Peter Goetzinger was born to Catherine M. (Blum) and Joseph Goetzinger Oct. 24, 1918, near Templeton. He was baptized at Templeton Catholic Church and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. At age two, Ed moved with his family to Defiance, where he later attended St. Paul's Catholic School. He grew to adulthood working on area farms. In September of 1943, he entered the United States Navy during World War II, and served on a destroyer in the South Pacific. Wounded in action, Ed spent time in a Naval hospital, returning to Shelby County after his honorable discharge.



Jan. 11, 1945, he married Agnes Wageman at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. To this union five children were born. Following his wedding, he drove truck and later farmed near Corley. In 1952, the Goetzingers moved to Westphalia. A member of St. Boniface since 1952, he belonged to the Earling Council No. 1741, Knights of Columbus. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 707 of Defiance. A grain and livestock farmer, he also bought and traded all kinds of horses. Ed died Oct. 6, 2002, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 83 years, 11 months and 11 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Irene Backhaus, Elizabeth Kloewer, Clara Kloewer, Lucille Hoxworth, Marcella Foley, Cleta Goetzinger, Rose Marie Rasmussen and Helen Kaufman; and brothers, LaVerne Goetzinger and Leroy Goetzinger. He is survived by his wife, Agnes Goetzinger of Westphalia; children, Charles Goetzinger (Jane) of Westphalia; Marilyn (Ron) Zimmerman of Westphalia; Anna Mae (Dale) Gross of Harlan; Bill Goetzinger of Westphalia; and Larry Goetzinger (Julie) of Westphalia; 15 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; sister and brothers, Josephine Heller of Harlan; Virgil Goetzinger (Irene) of Alma, MI; and Charles Goetzinger (Eunice) of Defiance; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 9, 2002, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, with the Rev. Michael G. Peters celebrant. Military rites were conducted in St. Boniface Cemetery by American Legion Post 707 of Defiance. Casket bearers were Gary Goetzinger, David Goetzinger, Ed Goetzinger, Randy Zimmerman, Kyle Gross and Rick Zimmerman. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.