

Paul Katzer, 63

May 12, 1939 - Oct. 13, 2002

LOGAN – Paul Louis Katzer was born May 12, 1939, in Panama, to Albert F. and Marie A. (Blum) Katzer. Paul was baptized in Panama, and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. At the age of six Paul and his family moved to Portsmouth where he attended school. He later worked as a farm hand.

He married Joyce Thomson of Logan, and to this union two children were born. They moved to Harlan where he ran a garbage route. He later was a custodian at Clarinda Iowa School System. With failing health he spent 10 years in Huntington Beach, CA, living with his brother, Fred.

In 1991, Paul married Alice Baker and they resided in Omaha, NE. He died Oct. 13, 2002, at Westmont Care Center in Logan, where he had resided a short time, at age 63.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Alice; and niece, Julie Katzer. Survivors include his son, Kevin (Pam) of Lakewood, CO; daughter, Kathy MacRury (Rob) of Ottawa, Canada; stepdaughters, Ruth, Carol and Patty; sister, Cecelia Thygesen (Max) of Harlan; brothers, Albert M. (Donna) of Rapid City, SD; Joseph (Betty) of Sun City, CA; Fred P. (Gabiella) of Huntington Beach, CA; Jim (Jean) of Persia; five grandchildren and seven step grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Oct. 17, 2002, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth, with Father Bob Schoeman, celebrant. Casket bearers were Joe Katzer, Jim Thygesen, Bill Thygesen, Jim Katzer, Tom Thygesen and John Schoeman. Logan Memorial Chapel in charge of arrangements.