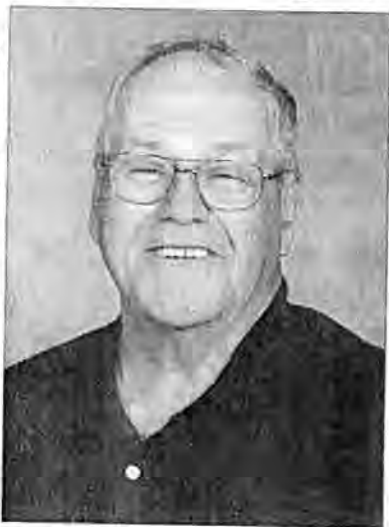


## Leonard Kloewer, 77

Sept. 1, 1935 - Nov. 15, 2012

**UNDERWOOD** — Leonard

Lavern Kloewer was born on September 1, 1935 to Peter and Elizabeth (Goetzinger) Kloewer in Defiance. He was the fourth child out of a family of eight. He attended school at St. Paul's Catholic School in Defiance and graduated with the Class of 1953.



Leonard and Donna Gaer were united in marriage on June, 6 1959 at St. Peter's Church in Defiance. Three children were born to this union: David, Diane and Denise. The couple made their home in Underwood. Leonard worked as a truck driver for Goetz Trucking out of Defiance and Weihs Trucking out of Westphalia. He worked for Vandenberg Motors in Harlan and pulled trailer houses for A.C. Nelsen in Omaha, Suburban

Propane in Council Bluffs, the City of Underwood, Geise Hardware in Underwood and also worked in maintenance of the Federal Building in Council Bluffs. He had also worked part-time for Underwood Farm Service and for various area farmers. Leonard retired on December 31, 1997 shortly after he purchased a brand new pickup and fifth wheel to travel. Leonard and Donna traveled extensively, making two trips to Alaska, as well as trips from Nova Scotia to Southern California and from Florida to Alaska and several states in between. They spent fourteen winters in Arizona, Florida, but mostly in Texas. He was a charter member in the Underwood Optimists Club and was very active, serving as president, treasurer, and board member. He also served as Lieutenant Governor of the Iowa District. He was in charge of the concession stand for the annual wrestling tournament hosted by Underwood for over twenty years. Leonard was a member of St. Columbanus Catholic Church in Weston for thirty-nine years. He was an active member and led the group preparing chili for the annual chili supper for thirty-five years. He was an assistant Boy Scout Master in Council Bluffs and helped his son Dave earn Eagle Scout. Leonard died at his home on Thursday, November 15, 2012 having attained the age of seventy-seven years, two months, and fourteen days.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents, sister Irene Rosman, and brothers: Joseph, Kenneth, Lawrence, and Virgil. He is survived by his wife of fifty-three years Donna Kloewer of Underwood; children: David Kloewer of Mahomet, IL, Diane and her husband Kris Orr of Blair, NE, and Denise and her husband Terry Stuhr of Council Bluffs; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brother Harold Kloewer and his wife Lois of Merville, sister Eilene and her husband Don Thorell of Omaha, NE; brother-in-law Louis Rosman of Harlan; sisters-in-law Mary Ann Kloewer of Fremont, NE and Mary Kloewer of Harlan; special friends Paul and Jackie Allen and family; nieces and nephews; other family members and friends.

Rev. Raphael Masabakhwa celebrated the 11:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Monday, November 19, 2012 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Neola. Honorary casket bearers were Jessica Herring, Eric Kloewer, Adam Kloewer, Lauren Jorgenson, Jim Herring, Tyler Jorgenson, and Megan Kloewer. Serving as casket bearers were John Stuhr, Jeremy Stuhr, Jacob Stuhr, Steve Kloewer, Terry Stuhr, and Jim Kloewer. Interment was held at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance.

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