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George Kriz, 81

Aug. 5, 1923 - Oct. 14, 2004

PERSIA — George R. Kriz was born Aug. 5, 1923, in Center, NE to Anton and Josephine (Soumar) Kriz. He graduated from Center High School in 1942 and then served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

George married Maxine Kardell in 1953. To this union two children were born, Roger and Nancy. They moved to the Persia area in 1962. After his military service, George farmed and later worked in maintenance for the Iowa Department of Transportation for 13 years, retiring in 1986. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Persia and served on the church's council. He was also a member of the American Legion Post No. 314 in Persia and 40/8 Club. He was a volunteer for the Persia Fire and Rescue Department and as a conservation agent for Schley Park in Persia. He died Oct. 14, 2004, at age 81 years, two months and nine days at Myrtue Memorial Hospital.

George is preceded in death by his wife, Maxine; his daughter, Nancy Kriz-Steenson; and his son, Roger. Survivors include his grandson, Matthew Kriz of Athol, ID; his sister, Ruth Cernousek of Verdigrée, NE; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Oct. 18, 2004, at St. John Lutheran Church in Persia, with Dr. Duane Anunson officiating. Casket bearers were Greg Bush, Jim Steenson, Jim McDonald, Scott Dollen, Darrell Morse, Dave Schley, Don Morse, Allen Cernousek and Randy O'Neill. Military honors were given by the Persia American Legion Post #314. Burial was at the Valley View Cemetery at Persia. Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home, Council Bluffs, in charge of arrangements.