

## Ben Freund, 78

Aug. 30, 1917 - Oct. 26, 1995

**Panama** - Bernard Julius "Ben" Freund, son of William and Josephine (Hutteman) Freund was born Aug. 30, 1917 at Defiance. He attended St. Paul's School in Defiance and grew to adulthood on the family farm. Oct. 7, 1942 he entered the United States Army serving his country during WW II. After his honorable discharge Dec. 19, 1945, he returned to the Shelby County area.

June 30, 1948 he married Emmarita Schwery at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. They became the parents of one daughter, Mary Jo. After their marriage, they resided on the original Freund farm near Defiance. He died Oct. 26, 1995 at the Dunlap Care Center in Dunlap at age 78 years, one month and 26 days. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Ed and William "Bud" Freund, and a sister, Fran Francis. He is survived by his wife, Emmarita Freund of Panama; a daughter, Mary Jo (Duane) Buckley of Mo. Valley; two grandsons and two sisters, Bernadine Mollner of Omaha, NE and Elizabeth "Liz" (Chet) Bullis of Marion and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 28, 1995 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance with Rev. Fred Reischl, celebrant and Rev. Eugene Klein, concelebrant. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance with Jim Schwery, Roger Ahrenholtz, Bob Kloewer, George Schwery, Mike Freund and Ken Buchanan casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.