

Leo J. Feser, 76

Dec. 23, 1924 - June 8, 2001

DEFIANCE —Leo John Feser, son of Henry and Magdalena (Schaben) Feser, was born Dec. 23, 1924, in Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. Leo attended St. Paul's Catholic School in Defiance and was a member of the graduating class of 1942. He worked for two years before joining the United States Army in 1944. He served overseas as a combat infantryman in Africa, France and Germany. After his honorable discharge March 3, 1946, he returned to Defiance, where he worked as a mechanic and a carpenter.



Oct. 3, 1950, he married Bernice Schulte at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, they continued to make their home in Defiance. He started his own trucking service which he operated until 1972 then continued farming, retiring in 1987. He died June 8, 2001, at the Friendship Home in Audubon, at age 76 years, five months and 16 days.

In addition to his parents, Leo was preceded in death by a son, Leslie, and his brothers and sisters, Lavern, Mary Ella, Lucille, Aldron, Elvera and Raymond. He is survived by his wife, Bernice of Defiance; his children Dale Feser of Defiance and Karen (Dennis) Boger of Dallas Center; five grandchildren; his sisters, Pauline Bissen of Defiance and Ann Thompson of Gretna, LA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Michael Berner at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, June 11, 2001. Military rites were conducted in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance by the Defiance and Westphalia American Legion Post No. 707. Honorary casket bearers were Zachary Feser, Teri Boger, Daniel Boger, Holly Feser and Kelsey Feser. Casket bearers were Wally Brummer, Ron Gross, Francis Gross, Allen Schaben, Scott Gross and Wes Walker. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.