

Dr. Leo (Doc) Freese, 78

April 4, 1926 - Dec. 12, 2004

CORYDON — Dr. Leo (Doc) Jacob Freese was born April 4, 1926, to William and Blanche Freese at Portage Des Sioux, MO.

He married Dorothy Mary Wiechens Sept. 24, 1949, at St. Borromeo Church, St. Charles, MO. To this union five children were born, Randy, Karen, Danita, Karla and Mike. He received his B.A. degree in agriculture in 1949, and then served as a medical technician in the U.S. Army. Following the service, he returned to school to received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, in 1954. He began his veterinary practice in Corydon in 1954 and retired in 1994. He was president of ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens) for 20 years, active in Rotary, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, member of Iowa Veterinary Medical Association and Missouri Veterinary Medical Association, Corydon American Legion, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and Cattlemen's Association. He was instrumental in the foundation of the New Venture Home and St. Francis Church in Corydon. He died Dec. 12, 2004, at Kavanagh House in Des Moines at age 78.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; brothers, Earl (Marion) Freese of Glasgow, MO and Delbert (Betty) Freese of St. Charles, MO; sisters, Redall (Gil) Hall of St. Louis, MO; Dorothy Dwyer of Florissant, MO; and Jeanie (Neal) Libhart of St. Louis, MO; his children, Randy of Iowa City; Karen (Tim) Sullivan of Harlan; Danita (Larry) Rensink of Corydon; Karla of Centerville; and Mike (Penny) Freese of Cummings; three grandchildren, Mat, Pat and MaKenzie Sullivan; three step grandchildren, Mitchell, Mattie and Marie Crook; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 15, 2004, at St. Francis Catholic Church in Corydon, with Father William Miller, C.P.P.S officiating. Burial was in the Corydon Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Dr. Elmer Blum, Chuck Curtis, Dr. Rober Du Bay, Dr. Keith Garber, William H. Miles and Carl Coates. Casket bearers were Jerry Du Bay, Brad McConahay, Andy Garber, Larry Luckert, David Grismore and Rodney Evitt.

