

Peter Fromm, Jr., 80 ✓

Feb. 3, 1926 - March 30, 2006

DEFIANCE — Peter "Pete" Joseph Fromm, Jr., son of Peter and Philomena (Gorsche) Fromm, Sr., was born Feb. 3, 1926, in Harlan. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. In 1935, the Fromm family moved to Defiance and Pete attended school and graduated from St. Paul's Catholic School in Defiance. After high school, he stayed on his family's farm to help his father until he was drafted. Sept. 21, 1950, Peter was inducted into the United States Army at Omaha, NE. He served with the Third Infantry during the Korean Conflict. During his military service, he was privileged to serve with the Honor Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA. He was present for many dignitaries including President Harry S. Truman. His duty was one of honor and respect. He was honorably discharged Sept. 20, 1952, at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation.

Nov. 16, 1959, Peter married Therese Kaufman at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Three children were born to this union, John, Pete and Mary. After their marriage, the couple resided just west of Defiance, on the farm that Peter's parents farmed and this has been their home since that time. Pete was a lifetime farmer. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 707 of Defiance, and was a past member of the Knights of Columbus. Pete was a big supporter of the Defiance Town Team Baseball and was a player as well as a coach. He died March 30, 2006, at his home in Defiance at age 80 years, one month and 27 days.

In addition to his parents, Pete was preceded in death by his brother and sisters, Leonard, Marie Beauchamp, Margaret Lehan, and Edna Finken. Survivors include his wife, Therese Fromm of Defiance; his children, John Fromm of Defiance; Pete Fromm (Marla) of Ankeny; Mary (John) Denlinger of Manning; five grandchildren, Anna, Kate, and Jacob Denlinger and Nathan and Tyler Fromm; his brother, Leo Fromm (Ann) of Marshalltown; sister, Virginia Muellman of Omaha, NE; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 3, 2006, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Military rites were conducted in Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery in Defiance, by the American Legion Post No. 707 of Defiance and Westphalia. Casket bearers were Alan Finken, Patrick Lehan, Keith Weller, Robert Muellman, Mark Kaufman, and Wayne Schwarte. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

