

**Kenneth Muell, 78**

April 6, 1930 - Sept. 16, 2008

PANAMA — Kenneth Peter Muell was born on April 6, 1930, to Peter and Anna (Schechinger) on the Muell homestead south of Panama, IA. He was baptized, confirmed, and graduated at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, where he remained a lifelong member.



Kenneth was united in marriage to Theresa Goetz on February 1, 1951 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. The couple was blessed with thirteen children: Kenneth Dean, Peg, Don, Patricia, David, Daniel, Pamela, Susan, Joann, Dale, Ann, Maribeth, and Amy Joy. Ken and Theresa celebrated their 50th anniversary before her death in 2001. Ken and Theresa moved to the family farm in 1963. Ken enjoyed playing cards, going to dances, and fishing. He was happiest when he was farming with his John Deere equipment and spending time with his children and grandchildren. Ken was well-known to the entire family as the "All-Time Pitcher" during ball games on the Muell farm. The many stories shared by Ken showed how proud he was of his family. Ken died doing what he loved working on the farm on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, with his son, Dale, at his side. He had attained the age of seventy-eight years, five months, and ten days.

In addition to his parents, Ken was preceded in death by his wife Theresa, daughter Maribeth, grandson P. J., sister Rose, and brother Ralph. He is survived by his family: Kenneth Dean of Sioux Falls, SD, children Andrea (Adam) Lucas, Danielle, and grandchildren Mason and Brody Lucas; Peg (Don) Jans of Solon, children Erica (Jason) Buffington, Jesse (Carissa) Jans, Wyatt, and grandchildren Jada and Cole Buffington; Don of Portsmouth, children Nate, Matt, Annie Johnson, and grandchildren Alex, Gracie, and Lauren Johnson; Pat (Allen) Petersen of Johnston, children Andrew, Jason, Katie, and grandchildren Brendan and Ethan Petersen; David (Donna) of Walnut, children Michael, Rick, Jennifer (Chad) Harder, Nicole, and grandchildren Julia Muell, Ana and Lane Muell, and AJ Harder; Daniel (Deb) of Portsmouth, children Jeremy, Christina, Melissa (Josh) Stirling, and James; Pam (Edmond) Talbot of Blair, NE, children Lillian and Maribeth; Susan (Tony) Hough of Harlan, children Lindsey, Anthony, and Nicholas; Joann (Gary) Schulte of Westphalia, children Stephen (Laura) Schulte, Jenna, Scott, and grandson Davis Schulte; Dale (Karen) of Panama, children Kevin, Dustin, and Todd; Ann (Paul) Burman of Portsmouth, children Derek, Joshua, and Jack; and Amy Joy Muell of Bellevue, NE; sisters Anna Mary Blum of Harlan, and Nadine Scott of Seattle, WA, and brother Gerald of Omaha, NE; nieces, nephews, other family members, and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, September 20, 2008 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, IA. Rev. John Dorton celebrated the 10:30 AM service with burial held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama, IA. Ken's grandchildren served as honorary casket bearers and his children served as casket bearers.

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