

**Kenneth Nollen, 85**

**Dec. 23, 1927 - April 1, 2013**

**INDEPENDENCE** — Kenneth M. Nollen, 85, of Independence, died Monday morning, April 1, 2013, at the Buchanan County Health Care Center in Independence.

Ken was born on December 23, 1927, on a farm northwest of Defiance, the son of Michael and Frances (Thielen) Nollen. He attended the Union Township No. 5 Country School near Defiance, and graduated from St. Paul's High School in May 1946.

January 19, 1948, Ken married Helen Baker at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. He drove truck for Bud Freund at Defiance and Squealer Feed & Grain in Harlan. He managed the Shelby County Home & Farm, and Cox Grain & Feed in Tennant before moving to Independence in 1966 where he managed the Greenley Elevator for many years, and later farmed. He also worked part-time as a Farm Service Field Agent. He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, the St. Pius 10th Knights of Columbus, the Farm Bureau, served as a Washington Township Trustee, and served on the Hawkeye Council on Ageing.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, a son; Michael in 2006, two sisters; Betty Bruck, and Lila Kirshbaum, and a brother John Nollen. He is survived by his wife Helen of Independence, three children; William Nollen, Clutier, Frances (Brian) Swarts, Independence, Terry Nollen, Belle Plain, nine grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, a sister; Marilyn Goeser, Harlan, and two brothers; Harold Nollen, Mobile, AL and Ron Nollen, Westphalia.

A Mass of Resurrection was held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 4, 2013 at St. John's Catholic Church in Independence with Rev. Don Plamondon officiating. Burial was in the St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Independence. Visitation was held from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, 2013 and from 8 to 10 a.m. Thursday, April 4, 2013 at the Reiff Funeral Home & Crematory in Independence, where a rosary was recited at 4 p.m. and a parish wake service was held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, 2013. Leave an online condolence please go to [www.reiffuneralhome.com](http://www.reiffuneralhome.com) under obituaries.



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