

Kennith Raff, 79

March 27, 1923 - May 8, 2002

CREIGHTON, NE - Kennith Eugene Raff, son of Charles and Eva (Haskiin) Raff, was born March 27, 1923, on a farm west of Creighton, NE. He attended rural Hillville District 32 School through the eighth grade. He received an honorary high school diploma through the State of Nebraska later in his life.

He married Mary Ann Ehlers Sept. 3, 1955, at the Gretna Lutheran Church. They were the parents of a daughter, Paul Dawn. Ken served in the U.S. Army in the 242nd Infantry, Company I from 1944 to 1946. The World War II veteran served with the "Rainbow Division" in Germany. He lived in Hastings, where he worked in the ammunitions depot, and in Omaha and Gretna. He was a local truck driver for P.I.E. They moved to Creighton in 1991, following retirement. She died Jan. 26, 2000. He was a member of St. Ludger Catholic Church. He was also a member of American Legion Post 74, Veterans of Foreign Wars #1151, and former member of the Teamsters Union. He died May 8, 2002, at Lundberg Memorial Hospital in Creighton, at age 79. He was preceded in death by his wife; three brothers, Merle, Malven and Karl; and three sisters, Dena, Eva and Velma. He is survived by his daughter, Paula (Ron) Gaul of Harlan; one grandchild and four great grandchildren; three sisters, Fern Morsett and Vera Raff, both of Creighton, NE and Delsie Forrest of Harrison, AR, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held May 11, 2002, at St. Ludger Catholic Church in Creighton, NE, with Rev. Keith Rezac officiating. Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery in Creighton. Military honors were conducted by local V.F.W. and American Legion organizations. Brockhaus Funeral Home of Creighton, in charge of arrangements.