

David A. Rau, 64

Nov. 5, 1935 - Oct. 31, 2000

HARLAN – David Anthony Rau was born Nov. 5, 1935, to Elizabeth (Zimmerman) and Frank Rau at Westphalia. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, and attended St. Boniface Catholic School graduating in 1954. In June of 1954, Dave enlisted in the Marine Corps and served until 1956.

June 2, 1958, he married Janice Coenen at St. Boniface Catholic Church. To this union four children were born. Following their wedding, the couple made their home near Westphalia. Early employment in his life included the Westphalia Co-op, Vandenberg Motors as a mechanic and Holloway Construction. In 1963, Western Engineering became Dave's employer where he remained for 37 years. Retirement was planned for Nov. 1, 2000. He was a member of the Defiance-Westphalia American Legion Post No. 707, and the Holy Name Society. He was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church for 59 years and became a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Harlan, in 1994. He died Oct. 31, 2000, at his home at age 64 years, 11 months and 26 days.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his son, James Lee, Dec. 13, 1987. He is survived by his wife, Jan Rau of Harlan; children, Julia Rau and her friend, Marc Michaelsen of West Des Moines; Kaylynn of Omaha, NE and Kenneth Rau and his fiancée, Susan Holt of Hudson, WI; grandchildren, Faymi, Seif, Shani, Desirae, Annessa and Jacquelyn; his mother, Elizabeth Rau of Westphalia; brothers, Harvey Rau (Janice) of Council Bluffs and Dan Rau (Gladys) of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Nov. 3, 2000, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, with Rev. Paul Bianchi celebrant, Rev. Richard Gubbels homilist and Rev. Michael G. Peters and Rev. Jim Kleffman concelebrants. Military rites were conducted in the St. Boniface Cemetery in Westphalia, by the United States Marine Corps and the Defiance - Westphalia American Legion Post No. 707 with Gary Lemons, Ted Stenberg, Bill Lemons, Larry Peters, Mike Davidson and Car Peters casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

