

Robert Reiff, 61 ✓

Sept. 8, 1939 – March 15, 2001

MANILLA – Robert S., son of Walter and Anna Mae Knott Reiff, was born Sept. 8, 1939, in Manilla. He attended school in Manilla, graduating with the Manilla High School class of 1957. In 1957, Bob entered the United States Army and served in Germany, receiving his honorable discharge in 1961.

Dec. 27, 1957, he married Patricia Brosnahan at St. Joseph's Parish in Buck Grove. Five children were born to this union. They made their home in Manilla. He worked in construction, at the Harlan Pork Plant and then as a bartender. He attended Sacred Heart Church, participating with the Holy Name Society. He was also a member of Emil Ewoldt Post 22 of the American Legion in Manning. Bob had been in failing health since 1980, and March 15, 2001, he died at his home in Manilla, at age 61 years, six months and seven days.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, James; his in-laws, William and Katheryn Brosnahan; a niece and an infant nephew. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Reiff of Manilla; five children, Mark Reiff (Kim) of Omaha, NE; Deborah (Jon) Vennink of Manilla; Julie (Sam) Rauterkus of Manilla; Matthew Reiff of Omaha, NE; Roger Reiff (Michelle) of Boone; nine grandchildren, Jeremy, Joni and Jenae Vennink; Sean, Seth and Kiley Rauterkus; Adam and Ashley Reiff and MeKenzie Reiff; two sisters, Mary Alys (James) Cornils of Dexter, MI and Peg (Ernie) Shelton of Des Moines; a brother, Bill Reiff (Judy) of Omaha, NE, and nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 17, 2001, at the Sacred Heart Church, Manilla, with Father Robert Gralapp officiating. Burial was in the Mount Olivet Cemetery, Manilla, with military honors by the Emil Ewoldt Post 22 of the American Legion, Manning. Honorary casket bearers were Joni Vennink, Adam Reiff, Seth Rauterkus, Ashley Reiff, Jenae Vennink, Kiley Rauterkus and MeKenzie Reiff. Casket bearers were Jeremy Vennink, Michael Reiff, Sean Rauterkus, Tom Stein, Jeremy Reiff and Mike Stein. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.