

John Gabriel "Gale" Showers, 89

April 4, 1911 - Dec. 19, 2000

ATLANTIC - John Gabriel "Gale" Showers, son of Perry and Annie Fineran Showers, was born April 4, 1911, at Lewis.

He married Marie Lenora Lamberty of Lewis, Feb. 7, 1934, at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Atlantic. They farmed in the Walnut, Oakland and Avoca areas until retiring in 1977, and then moved to Atlantic. He was a member of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and was active in Knights of Columbus. He died Dec. 19, 2000, at the Longview Nursing Home in Missouri Valley, where he had been a resident.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie; one infant son; one infant brother; one sister, Mary Showers Lakers; three grandchildren, Patricia and David Showers and Hollie Knapp. He is survived by three sons, Leo Showers (Dorothy) of Lincoln, NE; Dennis Showers (Margot) of Missouri Valley and Lester Showers (Linda) of Avoca; five daughters, Helen Stillian of Omaha, NE; Maxine Prochnow of St. Louis, MO; Marge Showers of Nashville, TN; Jean Knapp (Tim) of South Sioux City, NE and Judy Stender of West Liberty; 31 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Dec. 22, 2000, at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Atlantic, with Msgr. Lawrence Beeson officiating. Burial was in the Atlantic Catholic Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Jeff Prochnow, Raymond Showers, Chad Smith, Charles Stillian, Robert Showers, Jack Showers, Shawn Opstvedt, Brian Knapp, Craig Showers, Mike Showers, Grant Stender and Brian Prochnow. Casket bearers were James Showers, Perry Showers, Dan Prochnow, Ronald Showers, Jeff Knapp and John Prochnow. Roland Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.