

## Kenneth D. Whitmer, 41

**MANILLA** — Kenneth Duane Whitmer, son of Albert and Elizabeth Brotzel Whitmer, was born April 16, 1946 at Manilla. He attended Manilla schools and was graduated from Manilla high school in 1964. He attended two years of Commerical Extension School in Omaha. He was employed at Minot, ND as a variety store manager for a short time.

On April 23, 1977, he married Marilyn Eck at Sacred Heart church in Manilla. They made their home in Lake City briefly and then moved to Manilla. He was employed in Denison at the Gambles Store and Ben Franklin. Later he worked at the Manilla school and he also held several part-time jobs. He was a member of Sacred Heart parish in Manilla and of the Holy Name Society. He was very interested in sports and served as Little League coach. He died June 29, 1987, at his home in Manilla at age 41 years, two months and 13 days.

He was preceded in death by his son, Joseph Duane on Aug. 20, 1984; father, Albert and mother and father-in-law, Merlyn and Maxine Eck. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn of Manilla; his son, Mark of Manilla; his mother, Betty Whitmer of Manilla; brother, Fred Whitmer of Huntsville, AL; sister, Patricia (Mrs William) Frahm of Manilla; a brother-in-law, Merlyn Eck Jr. of Denison; and nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 2, 1987 at Sacred Heart church, Manilla with Rev. Fr. Lloyd White, officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Olivet cemetery, Manilla with Dennis Hansen, Nyle Gruhn, Leo Kloewer, Glen Macumber, Bernie Higgins and Tom Sheppard serving as casketbearers. Ohde Funeral Home in Manilla was in charge of arrangements.