

Jerry H. Bieker, 61

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DEFIANCE — Jerry H. Bieker, president of the Defiance Telephone Company and mayor of Defiance for 13 years, died Sunday at a Denison hospital. He was 61.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at St. Peter's Catholic Church here, with interment in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Bieker, along with his father, Otto, owned the Defiance Telephone Co., and served as a city councilman before his mayoral reign. He was the town clerk at the time of his death.

Bieker was also in the insurance business, and had organized and played in the Earl Russell Orchestra, which he had managed for 12 years.

Survivors include: his wife, Alice of Defiance; two sons, Jerald and James, both of Defiance; eight daughters, Mrs Norma Jean Pycha III, Mrs Marcy Robinette, Mrs Kathy Wilson, Denise Bieker and Judy Bieker, all of Omaha, Nebr.; Mrs Jodie Wingert, Panama; Mary Alice Bieker of San Antonio, Texas; and Shari Bieker of Defiance; eight grandchildren; two brothers, Bernard of Arkansas, and Clement of Oklahoma; and two sisters, Mrs Jenny Spanton and Mrs Leona Leighton, both of Minneapolis, Minn.