

Joseph H. Coenen, 67

Defiance — Joseph Hofer Coenen, son of John J. and Mary Hofer Coenen, was born July 13, 1914 in Defiance. He was baptized, received his First Communion and Confirmation at St. Peter's Catholic church and attended school at St. Paul's Catholic school, both in Defiance. After graduating from the ninth grade, he grew to adulthood helping on the family farm.

On Feb. 16, 1939, he married Marie Leuschen at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed west of Defiance for nine years and then took over his family's farm when his dad retired. They farmed there for many years until retiring in 1976 and in 1978, they moved into Defiance. This has been their home ever since that time. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic church in Defiance.

He died at St. Joseph's hospital, Omaha on Sunday, Sept. 13, 1981, two months after celebrating his 67th birthday.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Coenen. He is survived by his wife, Marie of Defiance; four sons, Russell of Houston, Texas, Richard of Omaha, Neb., Jack of Mentor, Ohio and Michael of Defiance; one daughter, Jane (Mrs Ronald) Erlbacher of Omaha; six grandchildren; one brother, Jim of Omaha; four sisters, Irma (Mrs Ambrose) Muenchrath of Earling, Agnes (Mrs Nick) Schafer of Omaha, Rita (Mrs Jim) Wallerstedt of Kansas City, Mo., and

Leona (Mrs Joe) Gambree of Portland, Oreg.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Peter's Catholic church in Defiance on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 1981 with Msgr. John McIlhonn as celebrant.

Burial was in St. Peter's cemetery with John Goeser, Hugh Mulligan, Albert Heller, Charles Coenen, Jack Kirschbaum and Delbert Munchrath serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan handled the arrangements.