

Sylvester J. Gau, 68

Sylvester John Gau, known as Sy, a retired clerk for the U. S. Post Office at Spokane, Washington died Jan. 29, 1981 at Tri-State Convalescent Center at Clarkston, Washington at age 68 years, 2 months.

Sy, son of late Peter and Katherine M. Gau, was born Nov. 29, 1912 at Panama, Iowa. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic church, Panama. He attended St. Mary's grade and high school.

Sy served in the U. S. Army from 1931 to 1934 and served again in the Army from 1942 to 1945. After World War II he became a clerk for the U. S. Postal Service.

He moved from Iowa to Spokane, Wash., in 1940 and in 1979 moved to Clarkston, Wash., when he entered the Convalescent Center July 14, 1979 where he lived until he died. Gau never married.

Sy was preceded in death by his parents, Mr and Mrs Peter Gau, two brothers, Edward C. Gau of Omaha, Neb. and Elroy J. (Roy) Gau of Clarkston, Neb. He is survived by sister, Laurina M. Leuck, brother, Urban C. Gau, both of Omaha, Neb., one aunt, Mary Schafer, Westmont Care Center, Logan; 13 nieces and nephews and 19 grand-nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Feb. 2, 1981 at Vassar, Rawls Funeral Home. Officiating was Father Gary Steeves, Holy Family Church, Clarkston, Wash. Burial was at Vineland Cemetery Clarkston with Lonnie Gau, Paul Yochum, Cy Jentges and Harold Behler serving as pallbearers.

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