

August Schnuettgen Sr.,

Defiance — August Schnuettgen, son of Theodore and Fredericka Koesters Schnuettgen, was born on a farm in Shelby County near Earling on Jan. 9, 1888. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface church in Westphalia. He attended country school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm.

On Jan. 25, 1914, he married Mathilda Kohls at St. Ann's church in Wynot, Neb. Ten children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Schnuettgen made their home on a farm near Buck Grove until 1925 when they moved to a farm near Defiance. They retired from farming in 1955 and moved into Defiance and this has been their home since that time. They would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this coming Jan.

Mr Schnuettgen died at Crawford County Memorial hospital in Denison, on Thursday, Sept. 7, 1978 at age 90 years, 7 months and 28 days. He was a long time member of St. Peter's church in Defiance.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four sisters - Mary and Louise Wortmann, Odelia M. Gaul and Antonia Schnuettgen, who died in infancy. Survivors include his wife, Mathilda of Defiance; four sons - Othmar of Dow City, August, Jr. of Defiance, John of Omaha and Gene of Denison; six daughters - Delores (Mrs Norbert Gross) of Defiance, Mary Ella McCaffery of Manilla, Madonna Schmitz of Omaha, Marie (Mrs Keith Ullrich) of Calif., Rita (Mrs Merle Langenfeld) of Vail and Betty (Mrs Joe Astuto) of North Platte, Neb.; 59 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; a sister, Emma Gollobit of Manilla; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Peter's church in Defiance, on Saturday, Sept. 9, 1978 with Rev. Donald Bruck as celebrant. Burial was in St. Peter's cemetery with Tom Gross, Bob Schmitz, Glen Langenfeld, Roger McCaffery, Ken Schnuettgen and Steve Schnuettgen, all grandsons of Schnuettgen, serving as