

The Life Story of --

**GEORGE H. STOLZ, SR., 85**

**DEFIANCE** — George Henry Stolz, Sr., son of Barbara and Aloysius Stolz, was born Mar. 3 1889 on a farm near Earling. He died at Myrtle Memorial hospital on April 11, 1974 at age 85 years, 1 month, 8 days. As a child he moved with his family to a farm near Harlan where he grew to adulthood. On Aug. 3, 1909 he married Vera Dougal at St. Mary's church in Panama. 11 children were born to this union. Mr and Mrs Stolz would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this year. After their marriage they farmed near Panama, then Earling and later in the Defiance area until 1950. They then moved to their present home in Defiance. Mr Stolz has been a member of St. Peter's church in Defiance since moving to this community. He was also a member of St. Peter's Holy Name Society.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Veronica, who died in infancy; his parents; three brothers - Al, Joe and John Stolz; by two sisters - Mrs Mary Thraen and Mrs Anna Walker; by two grandchildren - Lanny Stolz and Kimberly Stolz; and by one great granddaughter - Julie Ann Stolz. Surviving are his wife, Vera; seven sons - Romaldus A. of Temple City, Calif.; Melvin J. of Boone; Allen F. of San Diego, Calif.; Merrill of Defiance; Louis of Dunlap; George, Jr. of Earling and Roman of Charleston, W. Va.; by three daughters - Lois (Mrs Norbert Koester) of Earling; Delores (Mrs John Tremel) of Earling; and Wilma (Mrs Ervin Mohr) of Denison; by 28 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren, by two sisters - Cecelia (Mrs Joseph Weihs) of Harlan and Lena (Mrs Frank Smith) of Avoca; by his nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Peter's church in Defiance on Monday, April 15, 1974 with Rev James A. Freeman as celebrant. Concelebrants were: Very Rev Msgr Michael W. Schwarte and Rev Fred F. Reischl. Burial was in St. Peter's cemetery in Defiance with Melvin Stolz, Allen Stolz, Merrill Stolz, Louis Stolz, George Stolz, Jr., and Roman Stolz, his sons, serving as pallbearers.