

Francis X. Von Tersch, 82

Irwin — Frank Von Tersch, son of Joseph and Catherine Bauer Von Tersch was born June 13, 1896 in Harlan. He was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic church and attended school in Harlan. After graduating from Harlan high school, he attended St. Ambrose College for a short time. In 1916, he moved to the Defiance area where he was a mail carrier and later he moved to a farm south of Defiance. On May 16, 1922, he married Bertha Blum in Defiance. To this union, 11 children were born.

After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Von Tersch continued to make their home on the farm until 1938, when he sold the farm and went into business in Defiance. Although Mr Von Tersch retired in 1946, he continued to be active in his church and community. In addition to his membership in St. Peter's church, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council No. 1700 of Earling, the Luke E. Hart Assembly, Knights of Columbus of Defiance and a member of its Chalice club.

His community activities included many years of service as the Chief of the Defiance Volunteer Fire Department, a member of the Defiance Town Council and the Township Assessor. After Bertha's death in 1962, Frank continued to make his home in Defiance.

After his married to Mayme Kobold in Febr. of 1966, he continued to live in Defiance. Frank died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Aug. 25, 1978 at age 82 years, two months and 12 days.

In addition to his first wife, Bertha, he was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Eugene; three daughters - Joyce Will, Maxine Silvertsen and Marie Von Tersch; five sisters - Blanche Schaben, Elizabeth Maddox, Catherine Coenen, Agnes Muldoon and Teresa Anastasi and by five brothers - Alfred, Joe, Carl, Paul and Al. His survivors include his wife, Mayme, of Defiance; five daughters - Mildred (Mrs Al Schechinger) of Harlan, Sister Elizabeth Von Tersch of Glendora, Calif.

Darlene (Mrs Leo Rau) of Omaha, Nebr., Bonnie (Mrs Jim Maguire) of Humphrey, Nebr., and Carol (Mrs Don Kearns) of Lawrence, Kans.; two sons - Robert Von Tersch of Savannah Beach, Ga., and Dean Von Tersch of Denison,; a sister, Frances McDonald of Kansas City, Mo.; 46 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren and other relatives.

A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Peter's church in Defiance, on Monday, Aug. 28, 1978 with Rev. Donald Bruck as celebrant and Rev. James Freeman, Rev. Fred Reischl, Rev. Lloyd White and Rev. John Thomas as concelebrants. Burial was in St. Peter's cemetery with Ray Maguire, Donald Maguire, John Von Tersch, Larry Von Tersch, David Schechinger and Roger Schechinger, all grandsons of Mr Von Tersch, serving as pallbearers.