

## Anthony "Tony" Arkfeld, 82

June 13, 1909 — Feb. 19, 1992

**DEFIANCE** — Anthony Henry Arkfeld, son of Joseph and Theresa (Siemer) Arkfeld was born on June 13, 1909, at Panama. In March of 1919, the family moved to Defiance, where he attended St. Paul's School, and graduated from Defiance Public High School in 1928.

Feb. 21, 1933, he married Lenora Klein at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Eight children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed south of Defiance on the farm owned by his father. In 1939, he purchased a farm east of Defiance, and this has been their home since that time. He died Feb. 19, 1992, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan at age 82 years, 8 months and 6 days. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance where he served as an usher. He was a member of the Holy Name Society; the Knights of Columbus, Earling Council #1741; Luke E. Hart General Assembly 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and its Chalice Club of Defiance. He was a director of the Farm Bureau for four years, and is a charter and current member of the Board of Directors of the Defiance State Bank.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Leona Kohl. Surviving is his wife, Lenora of Defiance; his children: Grace (Ellsworth) Schechinger of Manilla; Kenneth (Dorothy) Arkfeld of Defiance; Lois (Richard) Blum of Manilla; Gladys (Larry) Wilwerding of Co. Bluffs; Elaine (Richard) Gross of Manilla; Robert (Linda) Arkfeld of Manilla; Allan (Shary) Arkfeld of Dow City; and Bruce (Velma) Arkfeld of Defiance; 43 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; a sister, Angeline Anastasi of Hawthorne, CA., and a brother, Clarence Arkfeld of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Feb. 22, 1992 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance with Rev. Eugene Klein, celebrant. Concelebrating were Rev. Dennis Trausch, Rev. Dan Petsche, Rev. Edward Kelly, Rev. Lloyd White, and Rev. John Cain. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul cemetery with Phil Blum, Jim Arkfeld, Shawn Arkfeld, Aaron Arkfeld, Robbie Arkfeld, Curt Wilwerding and Randy Schechinger, casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.