

Peter T. Croghan, 73

November 11, 1925 - March 30, 1999

WOODBINE - Peter Thomas Croghan, son of William and Helen (Keane)

Croghan was born Nov. 11, 1925 on a farm west of Panama, in Harrison County. After high school he worked on the family farm from 1943 to 1948 then joined the farming operation with his parents and brother, James. Oct. 9, 1950 he entered the United States Army and served until Oct. 4, 1952. While in the service he served in Japan before going to Korea with the 40th Infantry Division. He reached the rank of Master Sergeant and was awarded the bronze and silver stars.

Oct. 30, 1952, Pete married Adelaide Gaul at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. To this union 13 children were born. Pete continued with his farming.

He was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, a member of Parish Council, Knights of Columbus, Council No. 1741 of Earling, the American Legion Post 601, and the Panama Community Club. He was elected state president of Iowa Farmers Union in Sept. of 1980 serving until 1986. He died March 30, 1999 at Omaha, NE at age 73 years, four months and 19 days.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his two grandchildren, Justin and Laura Goeser. Survivors include his wife Adelaide of Woodbine, his children Michael Croghan (Ruth) of Littleton, CO; Donald Croghan (Kathie) of Knoxville; Marilyn (Roy) Dobson of Hamilton, OH; Phil Croghan (Jean) of Panama; Margaret (Tom) Goeser of Manilla; Barbara (Rick) Bruck of Manilla; Theresa (Vinton) Wooster of Charter Oak; Robert Croghan (Janet) of Portsmouth; Richard Croghan (Janie) of Panama; Frank Croghan of Littleton, CO; Alice (Ron) Ratigan of Panama; Kathleen (Scott) Englander of Shawnee, KS; Raymond Croghan (Becky) of Earling; 37 grandchildren; his sisters Helen (Dave) Griffith of Missouri Valley; Bernadette Kirlin of West Des Moines; Betty (Jim) Kohles of Harlan; his brothers James Croghan (Kathy) of Allendale, VA; Jerome Croghan (Catherine) of Manning; Joe Croghan (Marge) of Manning; Tom Croghan (Jean) of Omaha and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 3, 1999 at St. Mary of The Assumption Catholic Church in Panama with Rev. Michael Peters officiating and Rev. Michael Berner, Rev. Paul Bianchi, Rev. Cornelius Gaul, and Rev. LaVerne Wingert assisting. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama with Military Rites being conducted by the American Legion Post No. 601 of Panama. Honorary casket bearers were Don Keane, Henry Arkfeld, Mick Keane, Daniel Herbst, Phil Carey, Kenny Pauley and Bud Chamberlain. Casket bearers were Joe Kirlin, Bill Griffith, Bill Croghan, Peter Croghan, Joe Croghan, Gerald Kohles and Pat Croghan. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

