

"Hookie" Dotzler, 71

DEFIANCE - Aloysius J. "Hookie" Dotzler, the son of Joseph and Margaret (Blum) Dotzler was born June 21, 1919 at Defiance. He died Aug. 31, 1990 at Harlan, at age 71 years, two months and 10 days. He received his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, graduating from St. Paul's Catholic High School with the class of 1937. Shortly after graduating from high school, he entered the Civilian Conservation Corp., serving for two years in Moorhead. Oct. 2, 1941, he entered the U.S. Army, serving his country during WW II.

Oct. 24, 1941, he married Cecelia Rose Gau in Sunnyvale, CA. They were the parents of six children. After his honorable discharge Nov. 20, 1945, he returned to the Defiance area. After Cecelia died in Nov. of 1954, he continued to reside in Defiance.

Aug. 14, 1957, he married Bernice Kloewer at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Denison. Two daughters were born to this union.

He served as Postmaster at the Defiance Post Office for 32 years. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance until four years ago when they moved to Harlan, where he was presently a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church. In addition to being a member of the American Legion, Post # 707 in Defiance, he also served as its finance office for many years. He coached boys' basketball for St. Paul's Catholic School for several years.

In addition to his parents and his first wife, Cecelia; he was preceded in death by an infant son; a step-daughter, Barbara Ohlinger; three sisters, Margaret Koppold, Lena Schleier, and an infant Katie; and two brothers, Adolph and an infant Pete.

Surviving him in addition to his wife, Bernice of Harlan, are four sons, Dennis Dotzler of Omaha, Ne.; Frederick Dotzler of Saratoga, CA.; William Dotzler of San Mateo, CA., and Bruce Dotzler of Liberty, MO.; 3 daughters, Sandra (Jerry) Heller of Defiance; Mary (Mike) Rohe of Manning; Betty (Joe) Keane of Defiance; 13 grandchildren; two sisters, Barbara (Mrs Frank) Koppold and Irene (Mrs Jake) Erlbacher, both of Harlan; two brothers, Joseph of Defiance and Felix of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 3, 1990 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance with Rev. Edward Kelly of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in Sts. Peter & Paul cemetery with Don Dotzler, Dick Dotzler, Leonard Bissen, LaVern Koppold, Bernard Stracke, and Wayne Zitzlspurger serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.