

## **LaVerne (Dick) Goetzinger, 75**

**- Nov. 1, 1915 — Aug. 3, 1991**

**DEFIANCE** - LaVerne Joseph Goetzinger, son of Joseph and Catherine Blum Goetzinger, was born in Templeton, Nov. 1, 1915. He died Aug. 3, 1991 at his home in Defiance, at age 75 years, 9 months and 2 days. He was baptized in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Templeton. As a young boy, he moved with his parents to Defiance, where he attended St. Paul's School and grew to adulthood. He spent many years helping his father farm as well as worked for other area farmers.

Sept. 14, 1938, he married Josephine Kohles at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manilla. To this union five children were born. After their marriage they farmed in the Shelby and Crawford county areas. He also worked for Western Engineering for several years. After Josephine's death Aug. 26, 1965, he continued to farm in Shelby county.

In 1966, he married Bernice Bretey. They made their home together for 19 years. In 1984, he retired from farming and moved into Defiance. This has been his home since that time. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance.

Preceding him in death was his parents; his wife, Josephine; a son, Richard in 1958; six sisters, Elizabeth, Clara, Lucille, Sally, Clea and Helen; one brother, LeRoy and two grandsons, Dale and Darrin Musich. Survivors include one son, Ronald of Shelby; three daughters, Cheryl (Dennis) Musich of Harlan; Linda (David) Warner of Harlan and Kathy (Robert) Burris of Norwalk; three sisters, Irene Backhaus of Manilla; Josephine Heller of Defiance and Rose Rasmussen of Co. Bluffs; three brothers, Edward of Westphalia; Virgil of Alma, Ml., and Charles of Defiance; 13 grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 6, 1991, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance with Rev. Dennis Trausch, the celebrant. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul cemetery with Jeff Musich, Terry Burris, Travis Burris, Colburn Warner, Todd Goetzinger, Scott Goetzinger, and David P. Warner, Jr., casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.