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Walter J. Goetz, 68

Dec. 8, 1923 — May 12, 1992

MISSOURI VALLEY — Walter Joseph Goetz, son of Joseph and Antonia (Schechinger) Goetz, was born Dec. 8, 1923 on a farm near Westphalia. He died at Mo. Valley, May 12, 1992, at age 68 years, 5 months, and 4 days. He was baptized, received his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church at Westphalia. He attended school at St. Boniface Catholic School through the 9th grade. After school, he worked as a farm hand for area farmers.

Oct. 5, 1952, he married Alda Schwery in Des Moines. Five children were born to this union. After their married, they farmed in the Irwin, Manilla, and Defiance area. Later, he worked as a farm hand for Don and Terry Goetz before he retired in 1987. He then made his home in Defiance and Mo. Valley, with Bernice Smith. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance; Knights of Columbus, Earling Council #1741, and the Eagle Lodge of Mo. Valley.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Sam; one daughter, Jackie; one sister, Cecilia; and one brother, Joseph. He is survived by three daughters, Julie Goetz of Sioux City; Joan and Jean Goetz, both of Manilla; two grandchildren; one sister, Rita (Mrs Richard) Doran of Harlan; three brothers, Gerald Goetz (Theresa) of Irwin; Michael Goetz (Elaine) and Anthony Goetz (Norma), all of Westphalia; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated May 18, 1992, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia with Rev. Dennis Trausch, celebrant. Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery with John Goetz, Rick Doran, Ralph Doran, Terry Goetz, Robert Goetz, and Tony Goetz, Jr., casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.