

## William "Bill" Goetz, 69

Dec. 1, 1926 - Nov. 29, 1996

**PANAMA** - William Joseph Goetz, son of Alois and Cecilia Stolz, was born Dec. 1, 1926, on a farm northwest of Panama. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama and graduated from St. Mary's School with the class of 1944. Shortly after graduating from high school, he entered the U.S. Army. He was a veteran of World War II receiving his honorable discharge Jan. 9, 1945.

June 2, 1948, he married Julia Keane at Panama. To this union nine children were born. They made their home in the Panama area, where he operated a farm supply business and was a livestock buyer. He was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, and a past American Legion member. He was the Washington Township Democratic committeeman for eighteen years, a Boy Scout leader for four years and a member of the first St. Mary's Parish Council. Bill was one of 50 Iowans appointed to be a member of the Iowa Attorney General's Consumer Advisory Council. He died Nov. 29, 1996, at Myrtle Memorial Hospital at age 69 years, 11 months and 28 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Jayne Marie; his sister, Agnes; brother, Donald, and son-in-law, Dan Quinn. Surviving are his wife, Julia Goetz of Panama; his children, Loree (Larry) Henkel of Elkhorn, NE; Linda Quinn of Harlan; Daniel Goetz (Tami) of Cedar Falls; Robert Goetz (Josephine) of Clarinda; Roger Goetz (Kathy) of Ankeny; Carol (Tim) O'Bryan of Omaha; John Goetz (Kathy) of Ankeny and Janelle (Mark) Sorfonden of West Des Moines; 17 grandchildren and one great grandchild; his sisters, Helen (Verner) Schmitz of Harlan; Alyce (Anker) Rasmussen of Harlan and Theresa (Kenneth) Muell of Panama and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 2, 1996, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama with Rev. Michael G. Peters as the celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery at Panama with military rites conducted by the Panama American Legion, Post #601. Dan Muell, Darrel Nissen, Bill Lehr, Gene Goetz, Bob Brummer, Mark Keane and Dan Quinn were honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Loree Henkel, Janelle Sorfonden, Daniel Goetz, Linda Quinn, Carol O'Bryan, Robert Goetz, Roger Goetz and John Goetz. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.