

Virgil J. Henscheid, 73

Jan. 11, 1926 - May 19, 1999

WESTPHALIA - Virgil Joseph Henscheid, son of Joseph and Marie (Mueller) Henscheid, was born Jan. 11, 1926, near Westphalia. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. He attended St. Boniface School in Westphalia, graduating in 1944. He served in the United States Army and was a World War II veteran.

Jan. 11, 1949, he married Theresa Rose Wageman at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. They made their home in Westphalia and became parents of nine children, Mary, Joe, Nick, Ed, Connie, Steve, Dan, Mike and Jeff. They were active members of St. Boniface Catholic Church and took an active part in church activities. Virgil worked in retail sales in Westphalia and surrounding communities, including auto sales and insurance sales. He was Westphalia Postmaster from 1966 to 1981. He died May 19, 1999, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 73 years, four months and eight days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Jeron, and grandson, Oliver Birdsong. He is survived by his wife, Theresa of Westphalia, and his children, Mary (Tom) Anderson of Omaha; Joe Henscheid (Mary Lynn) of Des Moines; Nick Henscheid (Mary Pat) of Omaha; Ed Henscheid (Bev) of Waterloo; Connie (Rick) Birdsong of Herman, NE; Steve Henscheid (Audrey) of Newton; Dan Henscheid of Des Moines; Mike Henscheid of Oshkosh, WI; and Jeff Henscheid (Jill) of Apple Valley, MN; 22 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; his brother, Urban Henscheid (Therese) of Westphalia; Marie (Tom) Case of Dow City; Sally (Roman) Leuschen of Westphalia; Jane (Leo) Rau of Omaha and Onie (Bill) Smith of Co. Bluffs; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 22, 1999, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, with Rev. Joseph L. Brown, C.P.P.S. celebrant. Military rites were conducted in St. Boniface Cemetery in Westphalia by the American Legion Post No. 707 of Defiance. Casket bearers were Nick Henscheid, Ed Henscheid, Joe Henscheid, Mike Henscheid, Dan Henscheid, Jeff Henscheid and Steve Henscheid. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

