

John Kloewer, 68 ✓

July 3, 1946 - Sept. 29, 2014

DEFIANCE — John Allen Kloewer was born July 3, 1946 to Al and Eva Kloewer in Defiance. He attended St. Paul's Catholic School and graduated with the Class of 1964.

July 31, 1971, John was united in marriage to Annette Ahrenholtz at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. They were blessed with two daughters, Susan Marie and Sara Ann. John lived in Defiance his entire life and worked various jobs as a carpenter, including owning his own carpentry business. John built his home forty-three years ago, and his carpentry skills and knowledge were sought out by many seeking his advice and help on projects. John also served as a volunteer for the Defiance Fire Department for many years and enjoyed attending conferences with his fellow volunteers.



In 1991, John took over ownership of the pumping service business from his brother Don and for twenty-three years operated John Kloewer Pumping Service. He loved what he did for a living, especially visiting with his customers. His incredible work ethic and memory for details greatly contributed to his success in business. John's family and friends were the most important things to him. He was involved with his daughters' activities throughout their school careers, served on the Harlan Community High School Athletic Booster Club board and was an active member of his church where he served as an usher, Eucharistic minister and member of the finance council. John loved people and being social was important to him his entire life. He enjoyed attending family events and activities, being with his friends and dining out at local restaurants where he was known as a favorite customer. John died on September 29, 2014, at his home with his wife and daughters by his side following a courageous battle with liver cancer having attained the age of sixty-eight years, three months and twenty-six days.

John is preceded in death by his parents Al and Eva; his father- and mother-in law Harry and Annajean Ahrenholtz; his sisters Lucille Richards and Mary Ann Meyer; and his brother Don. He is survived by his wife Annette of Defiance; his daughters Susan Marie and Sara Ann of West Des Moines; his siblings Kay (Jack) Cook of Omaha, NE; Janette (Bob) Dotzler of Earling; Dorothy Johnston of Omaha, NE; Lorrene (Bernard) Assmann of Dunlap; Jane (Eldon) Meyer of Lee's Summit, MO; Joan (Jack) Strudthoff of Woodstock, GA; Bob (Karen) Kloewer Defiance; Suzanne (Delbert) Lehan of Marcus; and Rick (Nancy) Kloewer Defiance; his in-laws: Gene Richards of Omaha, NE; Mickey Kloewer of Defiance; Clyde Meyer of Omaha, NE; Harry (Carol) Ahrenholtz Jr. of Jefferson; Roger (Peg) Ahrenholtz of Manilla; Jane (Richard) Carey of Tucson, AZ; and Clark (Susan) Ahrenholtz of Elk Horn; many family members and friends.

Rev. Chris Fontanini celebrated the 10:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial with ConCelebrant Rev. Don Bruck on Friday, October 3, 2014 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. Bob Mages provided the music. Honorary casket bearers were Kay Cook, Dorothy Johnston, Shun Dotzler, Rene Assmann, Jane Meyer, Joan Strudthoff, and Suzanne Lehan. Serving as casket bearers were Roger Ahrenholtz, Harry Ahrenholtz, Jr., Rick Kloewer, Dick Mulligan, Keith Schwieso, Roger Blum, Bernie Heller, Bob Kloewer, and Joe Stolz. Burial was held in the Harlan Cemetery.



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