

## Kenneth V. Kloewer, 59

Sept. 1, 1940 - Jan. 4, 2000

**HARLAN** - Kenneth Vincent Kloewer, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Goetzinger) Kloewer, was born Sept. 1, 1940, in Defiance. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, and attended St. Paul's Catholic School in Defiance, graduating with the class of 1959. Kenny grew to adulthood on a farm outside of Defiance.

Sept. 12, 1964, he married Mary Magdalen Vandenberg at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. They became the parents of six children. They lived in Harlan when they were first married and he worked at IBP in Denison. In 1967, the family moved to Atlantic, where they managed Atlantic Auto Mart. In 1971, the family moved to a farm by Kirkman where they farmed. While in the Kirkman area, he drove school bus for the Irwin-Kirkman Schools and also was a member of the Kirkman Volunteer Fire Department. The family moved to Harlan in 1987, and he drove semi for Farm Service Coop. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, the Corley Community Club and Mickel's Round Table. He died Jan. 4, 2000, at his home in Harlan, at age 59 years, four months and three days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Gary Kloewer, Oct. 18, 1998; his brothers, Joe, Lawrence and Virgil Kloewer; and a granddaughter, Maggie Mae Valenta. Survivors include his wife, Mary, of Harlan; his children, James Kloewer (Joan) of Avoca; Elizabeth (Trent) Doonan of Harlan; Miki (Doug) Valenta of Lincoln, NE; Gale Kloewer of Kirkman; Andrew Kloewer of Harlan; his daughter-in-law, Amy of Harlan; eight grandchildren, Samantha, Rebecca, Brian, Elizabeth (Libby), Amanda, Nathan, Madison and Ryan; his brothers and sisters, Irene (Louis) Rosman of Harlan; Harold Kloewer (Lois) of Merville; Leonard Kloewer (Donna) of Underwood and Eilene (Donovan) Thorell of Omaha, NE; and his sister-in-law, Maryann Kloewer of Fremont, NE; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 8, 2000, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Rev. Howard Fitzgerald celebrant, Rev. Jim Wilwerding and Rev. Fred Reischl concelebrants with the Rev. Mr. Pat Davitt assisting. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Rick Doran, David Christensen, Larry Rector, Bruce Arkfeld, Kevin Rutherford and Clifford Kruse honorary casket bearers. Dan Engel, Ronald L. Jacobsen, Bill Wingert, Bob Kloewer, Lenny Schmitz, Jim Kloewer, Jim F. Kloewer and Mark Beedle were casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

