

Vincent Kloewer, 85

July 28, 1913 - Feb. 22, 1999

MANILLA - Vincent Emil Kloewer, son of Anton and Barbara Gaul Kloewer, was born July 28, 1913, near Westphalia. He attended St. Paul's Catholic School in Defiance. After his schooling he worked on the family farm.

June 5, 1939, he married Ruby B. Ewoldt at Sacred Heart Church in Manilla. Eleven children were born to this union. They farmed east of Defiance for 14 years and then south of Manilla until they moved into Manilla in 1960. He then drove truck for Olson Produce and then for Western Engineering. He retired in 1984. Vincent was a very active member of Sacred Heart Church. He was a member of the church choir, Holy Name Society and Knights of Columbus as well as serving on the finance committee and as lector. Dec. 23, 1998, he entered the Manilla Manor. Feb. 18, 1999, he was admitted to Manning Regional Healthcare Center in Manning where he died Feb. 22, 1999, following a brief illness at age 85 years, six months and 25 days.

Besides his parents, he is preceded in death by one son, Edward Kloewer; two daughters, Mildred in infancy and Leona Gibbins; seven brothers, Al Kloewer (Eva), Pete Kloewer (Lizzie), Paul Kloewer (Josephine), Tony Kloewer, Herman Kloewer (Viola) and Alphonse Kloewer; two sisters, Katherine (Jim) Nehl; and Marie Kloewer. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Kloewer of Manilla; his children, James Kloewer (Norma) of Stuart; Joan (Dennis) Ramsey of Manning; Betty (Merle) Reinart of Carroll; Mae (Ron) Franks of Essex; Leo Kloewer (Gayle) of York, NE; Linda (David) Disburg of Carroll; Willie Kloewer of Arlington, TX; Michael Kloewer (Vickie) of Albany, OR; one daughter-in-law, Cheryl Kloewer of Albany, OR; one son-in-law, Phil Gibbins of Belle Plaines; 34 grandchildren; 47 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Bernice Dotzler of Harlan; and nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 25, 1999, at the Sacred Heart Church, Manilla, with Father Robert Gralapp and Father Jim Wilberding concelebrants. Burial was in the Mount Olivet Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were John Reinart, Rick Ramsey, Dan Ramsey, Ron Ramsey, Eric Ramsey, Mitchel Kloewer, Jeff Reinart, Todd Franks, Spencer Kloewer and Jakob Kloewer. Casket bearers were David Ramsey, Kory Kloewer, Donovan Kloewer, Steve Reinart, Matt Franks, Nick Kloewer and Josh Disburg. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.