

## **Gregory G. Michels, 68**

**DEFIANCE** - Gregory George Michels, the son of Peter and Loretta (Erhart) Michels was born Jan. 2, 1922 at Defiance. He died at his home in Defiance July 15, 1990 at age 68 years, 6 months and 13 days. He was baptized, received his First Communion and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. He attended St. Paul's Catholic School in Defiance, and graduated in the class of 1939. After school, he worked at various jobs in the Defiance area.

Dec. 17, 1942, he was inducted into the U.S. Army at Camp Dodge, IA. He served his country during WW II as Corporal, overseas in the Western Pacific and participated in the Air Offensive of Japan. He was awarded 3 Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Medal for his faithful service. Nov. 24, 1945, he received his Honorable Discharge and returned to Defiance, where he lived with his brother, Jerome. He then went to work for Kloewer Plumbing and Cesspool in Defiance, where he has worked these last 45 years. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church and also American Legion Post # 707, both of Defiance.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Jerome and Charles and one sister, Leona. He is survived by one brother, Sylvester Michels of Panama; three sisters, Bernice Busch of Omaha; Evelyn (Mrs Myron) Kington of Irwin, and Gladys (Mrs Bill) Carlson of Englewood; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 17, 1990 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance with Rev. Chuck Kottas as the celebrant and Rev. Paul Bianchi as the concelebrant. Burial was in the Sts. Peter and Paul cemetery at Defiance, with Joe Michels, Don Kloewer, Duane Reinig, Larry Kington, Richard Mikels, and Norman Ingwers serving as casketbearers. Military Rites were conducted at the cemetery by American Legion Post No. 707 of Defiance. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.