

Goar Rau, 68

July 6, 1930 - Jan. 30, 1999

ELGIN, OR - Goar Gilbert Rau of Indian Creek, Elgin, OR, was born July 6, 1930, to Anthony and Veronica Kloewer Rau, in Earling. He graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1948. He worked on the family farm outside of Earling until he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1952, where he served in the Korean War until 1954, and was honorably discharged. Goar then worked for farmers in Iowa before gaining employment with Union Pacific Railroad in 1955. He worked for Union Pacific Railroad for 37 years as a Communications Foreman and in later years for the LaGrande Car Department before retiring in 1992.

He married Jean McCrae at the Lady of the Valley Church in LaGrande. They lived in Union County all of their married life, moving to the Elgin area in 1974. He died at the Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Walla Walla, WA, Jan. 30, 1999, at age 68.

He was preceded in death by his parents and infant brother; sister, Theresa Leinen, and grandson, Kevin Sheedy. Goar is survived by his wife, Jean; sons, Ray and Charles Rau of Milton-Freewater, OR; daughter, Johnna Sheedy of Milton-Freewater, OR; stepsons, Tant Boothman of British Columbia, Canada and Jeff Boothman of Elgin; stepdaughter, Debra (Boothman) Crisp of Malin, OR; 12 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; brothers, Joe and Harold Rau of Earling and Howard Rau of St. Louis, MO; sisters, Mary Carroll and Mildred Gaul of Earling; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A memorial funeral mass was held Feb. 2, 1999 at Our Lady of Valley Catholic Church with the Rev. Chris Holmes officiating. Inurnment was in the Elgin Cemetery.