

Harold Rau, 92 ✓

March 9, 1922 - Feb. 19, 2015

DEFIANCE — Harold Michael Rau, son of Tony and Veronica (Kloewer) Rau, was born March 9, 1922 along with his twin brother Gerald John Rau on the family farm near Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and attended school through the tenth grade at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling.

September 3, 1956, Harold was united in marriage to Dorothy Foxhoven at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Four children were born to this union: Steven, Joyce, Dennis and Joan. After their marriage, Harold and Dorothy lived near Harlan for a short time before moving to Charter Oak and Earling in 1960 and then to the Defiance area in 1971 where they farmed east of town for several years. Harold was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church for many years where he and Dorothy were very active. Harold assisted the priests of St. Peter's Parish getting the church prepared for Sunday, wedding and funeral masses. Harold then moved to Harlan and made his home at the Elm Crest Retirement Community and this is where he died on February 19, 2015 having attained the age of ninety-two years, eleven months and ten days.

In addition to his parents, Harold was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy; his twin brother Gerald as well as his brothers Joe and Goar and his sisters Mildred Gaul and Theresa Leinen. He is survived by his children: Steve Rau and his wife Brenda of Defiance; Joyce and her husband Sterling Flott of Omaha, NE; Dennis Rau and his wife Jan of Urbandale, and Joan and her husband Charles Jones, Jr. of Plattsmouth, NE; eight grandchildren; one great grandchild; his sister Mary Carroll of Earling; brother Howard Rau and his wife Dorthea of St. Louis, MO; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

A 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Urey Mark on Monday, February 23, 2015 at the St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. Joe Gaul, Jim Carroll, Ron Rau, John Foxhoven, Tom Foxhoven, Don Gaul, Bill Leinen and Mike Gaul served as casket bearers. Burial was held at the Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance.



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