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Gus Schnuettgen, 63

Dec. 30, 1931 - Nov. 2, 1995

Deflance - August Joseph Schneuttgen, Jr., son of August and Mathilda (Kohis) Schnuettgen, was born Dec. 30, 1931 at Deflance. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance and graduated from St. Paul's High School in 1949.

July 15, 1952 he married Rose Ann Heller at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. They became the parents of four children. Dec. 10, 1952 he entered the United States Army, serving his country during the Korean War. After his honorable discharge Dec. 9. 1954, he returned to Shelby County where he farmed near Defiance. He presently resided on the family farm west of Defiance where his parents had farmed. This is where he died Nov. 2, 1995 at age 63 years, ten months and three days. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, the Defiance American Legion, Post #707, the Shelby County Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #941 of Harlan and the Knights of Columbus, Earling Council #1741.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his children, Debble (Ron) Lewis of Co. Bluffs; Mary Ann (Gene) Arkfeld of Colorado Springs, CO; Steve (Dede) Schnuettgen of Defiance and Chuck (Tracey) Schnuettgen of Mesa, AZ; three granddaughters; his brothers and sisters, Othmar Schnuettgen of Dow City; Delores (Norbert) Gross of Defiance; Mary McCaffery of Manilla; Donna Schmitz of Omaha, NE; Marie Ullrich of Ukiah, CA: John (Mary) Schnuettgen of Elkhorn, NE: Betty (Joe) Astuto of Omaha; Gene (Linda) Schnuettgen of Denison and Rita (Merle) Langenfeld of Vail; nieces. nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 4, 1995 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance with Rev. Thomas Crowley celebrant. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance with Joe Goeser, Gene Arkfeld, Ron Lewis, John Schnuettgen, Keith Finken, Gene Schnuettgen, Keith Finken, Gene Schnuettgen and Bob Schmitz casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.