

Eugene Schaben, 68

May 9, 1936 - Nov. 28, 2004

DEFIANCE – Eugene Herman Schaben, son of William and Josephine L. Block Schaben, was born May 9, 1936 on a farm near Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. He attended school at St. Paul's Catholic School in Defiance and graduated with the class of 1955. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp in Omaha, NE Sept. 20, 1956 and was released from active duty with an honorable discharge Sept. 19, 1958. After his time in the service, Gene returned to the Defiance area where he worked as a carpenter for one year.



Eugene married Janice Miller Sept. 5, 1960, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. They were engaged in farming in the Defiance area. They are the parents of three children, Ellen, Keith and Elaine. They retired from farming in 2003. He was a member of the St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. He died suddenly Nov. 28, 2004 at Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison at age 68.

In addition to his parents, Gene is preceded in death by his brothers, Marvin and Jack; and a sister, Joan. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Janice; his children, Ellen (Todd) Sherrell of Omaha, NE; Keith Schaben of Earling; and Elaine (Rusty) German of Altoona; five grandchildren, Sara and Beth Sherrell, both of Omaha, NE; Tyler and Sam German, both of Altoona; and Wyatt Schaben of Earling; brothers and sisters, Charles Schaben (Delores) and Betty (LeRoy) Grote, all of Earling; Raymond Schaben (Frances) of Westphalia; Delores (Jack) Staley of Carroll; Janice (Cletus) Schmitz; Gladys (Dan) Rau, all of Harlan; Duane Schaben (Joan) of Council Bluffs; and Ron Schaben (Marge) of Defiance; mother-in-law, Dorothy Miller of Denison; brother-in-law, Glen Miller of Denison; sisters-in-law, Mildred Goeser of Council Bluffs and Marlene Klingenberg of Cedar Falls; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 1, 2004, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Military rites were conducted by the United States Marine Corp, Engineer Maintenance Company, 4th Maintenance Battalion of Omaha, NE, at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance with Glen Miller, Rodney Schaben, Dean Schaben, Brian Schaben, Rusty German, Myron Schaben, Todd Sherrell and Roger Schaben casket bearers and Dan Rau, Raymond Schaben, Jack Staley, Leroy Grote, Charles Schaben, Cletus Schmitz, Duane Schaben and Ron Schaben honorary casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.