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## **Donald Schleimer, 68**

*April 7, 1933 – Oct. 30, 2001*

**IRWIN** – Donald Francis Schleimer was born to Josephine (Thraen) and Frank Schleimer April 7, 1933, at Kirkman. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Peters Catholic Church in Defiance. Donald (initially) attended country school, later transferring to Kirkman. He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict from April 20, 1954 to Feb. 7, 1956, and was honorably discharged. Following his time in the service he farmed in the Irwin, Kirkman and Mame areas.

Feb. 9, 1957, he married Helen Mary Book at St. Michael's Catholic Church. To this union three children were born. He continued to farm and also worked as a mechanic and maintained the equipment for corn shelling. Oct. 30, 2001, he died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 68 years, six months and 23 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Helen Schleimer of Irwin; children, Donald Jr. (Sharon) of Springfield, VT; Carol Spies (Brent) Manilla; Dale Eng (Paul Hilton) of Irwin; grandchildren, William, Russell, Rachel, Sarah Rose, Melanie, Jennifer, Jessica, Leah and Kira; sister, Margie Leinen (Lawrence) of Yutan, NE; brother, Richard (Ly) of Copperas Cove, TX; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 3, 2001, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manilla, with Rev. Robert Gralapp celebrant. Burial was in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Manilla, with Loren Ferry, William Schleimer, Timmy Strode, Ray Schleimer, Howard Thraen and Pete Rasmussen casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.