

Charles "Chuck" Theulen, 79

Sept. 26, 1925 - April 2, 2005

DEFIANCE — Charles Junior "Chuck" Theulen, was born Sept. 26, 1925, in Bayard to Charles and Elma Main Theulen. His family moved to Defiance in 1937. He finished his education in Defiance graduating from St. Paul's Catholic School. In January of 1944, he entered the Navy serving in the South Pacific until his discharge in May 1946.

Feb. 9, 1948, Chuck married Marita Daeges. From this union two sons were born: William and Jeff. Chuck operated the Phillips 66 Service Station from 1949 to 1978 when he started Chuck's Radiator Repair which he operated until he retired in 1989. He served as a volunteer on the Defiance Fire Department for 25 years and was a member of the City Council for many years. Chuck died April 2, 2005, at Creighton Medical Center in Omaha, NE, at age 75 years, six months and six days.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Evelyn Chipman and Norma Krantz. In addition to his wife Marita, he is survived by his sons, William Theulen and Jeff Theulen (Janet), all of Defiance; six grandchildren, Deron, Rachel, Eric, Kim, Stacy, and Todd; two sisters, Dorothy Weatherman of Huxley and Juanita (Larry) McCool of Tennant; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 5, 2005, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Military rites were conducted in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance by the American Legion Post No. 707 of Defiance and Westphalia. Casket bearers were Joe Daeges, Jerald "Bud" Bieker, Pat Goeser, Todd Theulen, Deron Theulen and Eric Theulen. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

