

Charles E. Wendt, Sr., 77

Nov. 21, 1922 - June 13, 2000

WOODBINE - Charles Eugene Wendt was born Nov. 21, 1922, to John and Elsie (Thompson) Wendt in Irwin. He attended school in Panama, graduating in 1940. He joined the U.S. Army in 1945, and served in the Philippines as a surveyor. While in the service, he was baptized into the Catholic Church Dec. 24, 1947.

Aug. 28, 1946, Charles married Lucille Pauley in Panama, and resided on the family farm between Panama and Earling until 1957. To this union 17 children were born. The family lived in Westphalia from 1957 to 1960, where they operated St. Hubert Clubhouse. He worked part-time at the Co-op Store driving an egg truck to Avoca. He also worked with the soil conservation as a land surveyor. In 1959, they purchased a farm southeast of Woodbine. From 1961 until 1965, they owned and operated the Sunnyside Tap in Woodbine, as well as farmed. In 1965, he went to work at the Woodbine Post Office until he retired in September of 1984. In 1975, he retired from farming and moved south of Highway 44 to his present home.

He had been a member of the Woodbine Saddle Club, was currently a Third Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus, the Logan American Legion Post #118, Farm Bureau, National Association of Letter Carriers, Logan St. Anne's Catholic Church, Woodbine Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and the Woodmen of the World Lodge 356. He died June 13, 2000, at Alegent Health Community Memorial Hospital, Missouri Valley, at age 77 years, six months and 23 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his children, Richard Wendt, D.D.S. in 1992, Roxann in 1956, Anthony in 1960, Mary Ann in 1966 and Margaret in 1967; a grandchild, LaVonne Wendt; and a sister, Ruth Gau. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Lucy of Woodbine; his children, Deanna (Harry) Kuhl of Glenwood; Charles Wendt, Jr. (Sheryl) of Woodbine; David Wendt (Brenda) of Logan; Shirley (David) Sigler of Logan; Bette (Neil) Jensen of Woodbine; S. Michael Wendt (Barbara) of Anita; Edward Wendt (Beverly) of Dunlap; Darlene (Kelly) McMartin of Hancock; Jeffrey Wendt (Sue) of Denison; Sharon (Dan) Royer, William Wendt (Fran) and Bruce (Kristina) Pauley, all of Woodbine; two brothers, John (Buzz) (Elaine) Wendt of Portsmouth and Jim (Donna) Wendt of California Junction; daughter-in-law, Connie Fouts (Richard) of Woodbine; 34 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; in-laws, Bernadine (Charles) Hayes, Mary Ella (Gary) Wilke, Janice and Gerald Waltz, all of Portsmouth; Kenneth (Eileen) Pauley and Alfred (Delores) Pauley of Panama; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held June 16, 2000, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama with Rev. Paul Strittmatter celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Panama. Military graveside rites were performed by the Panama American Legion Post #601. Honorary casket bearers were his sons, Chuck Wendt, Jr., Dave Wendt, Mike Wendt, Ed Wendt, Jeff Wendt, Bill Wendt and Bruce Pauley. Casket bearers were Gene Gau, Neil Gau, Darren Pauley, Jerry Pauley, Paul Waltz, David Wilke, Terry Wendt and Dennis Wilke. Fouts Funeral Home, Woodbine and Dunlap, in charge of arrangements.

