

Aloysius J. Wilwerding, 87

June 26, 1912 - June 18, 2000 ✓

DEFIANCE – Aloysius John Wilwerding, the son of John and Dora (Loehr) Wilwerding, was born June 26, 1912, on a farm near Westphalia. He was baptized at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. He attended school at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling, and graduated in 1931. He then attended Des Moines Catholic College in Des Moines. He also attended Conception Seminary in Conception, MO an Seminary in St. Louis, MO.



Aloysius married Philomena Tunink June 15, 1940, at the Sacred Heart Church in Melrose Park. Four children were born to this union, Joan, Bob, Alan and Mary Lou. He worked for Electro Motive, a division of General Motors, for 11 years where he worked on motors for trains. In 1951 they moved to Defiance, from Maywood, IL. They operated the cafe called "Corner Inn" from Sept. 15, 1951 to Feb. 1, 1962. They then worked for Peterson Furniture Store in Denison, until his retirement in 1978. He was very active in community and church groups including managing the Defiance Town Team baseball team for many years, leading them to several "Southwest Iowa Amateur Baseball League" victories. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Earling Council No. 1741 of Earling. He died June 18, 2000, at the Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison, at age 87 years, 11 months and 23 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Isabel Heese and his brothers, Isidore, Tony and Clarence. He is survived by his wife, Philomena Wilwerding of Defiance; his children, Joan (Dick) Munchrath of Omaha, NE; Bob Wilwerding (Luella) of Defiance; Alan Wilwerding (Kathy) of Defiance; Mary Lou (Frederick) Fortey of Monument, CO; eight grandchildren; six great grandchildren; his sister, Sister Mary Wilwerding of Dubuque; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 21, 2000, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Burial was in Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery in Defiance, with Andy Yost, Chris Fortey, John Wells, Corey Fortey, Don Munchrath, Joe Ricchini, David Wilwerding and Justin Wilwerding casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.