

George Wise, 66

July 26, 1938 - Jan. 16, 2005

AVOCA — George William Wise was born July 26, 1938, at the family farm in Pleasant Township, Pottawattamie County, near Avoca. He was the son of Paul and Beatrice Gross Wise and was one of eight children in the family. He attended a one room school house in Pleasant Township until the third grade, when he then started attending school in Avoca. He graduated with the class of 1956. He attended Loras and Creighton Universities but then decided that farming with his father and brother came first.

Feb. 11, 1961, George and Charlotte Harrington were married at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Council Bluffs. They were the parents of two children, Paul and Ruth. He and his brother, Francis, farmed over 1,200 acres. George served on the county committee for the East Pottawattamie ASCS office, serving many years as chairman. He was a member of the Pottawattamie County planning and zoning commission. He was a life-long member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca, achieving the 4th degree of the Knights of Columbus. He died Jan. 16, 2005, at the Creighton Medical Center in Omaha, NE, at age 66 years, five months and 21 days.

George is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Michael Wise. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte of Avoca; his son, Paul Wise (Kim) of Avoca; his daughter, Ruth (Scott) Kenkel of Panama; eight grandchildren; his brother, Francis Wise (Connie) of Avoca; his sisters, Bernadine Burley of Omaha, NE; Theota (Lonn) Nelsen; Carolyn (Dennis) Piittmann; Margie (James) Szadis, all of Avoca; Paula (Gary) Randeris of Audubon; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 19, 2005, at the St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father John Frost officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Ed Piittmann, Mike Roth, Matt Szadis and Robert Roth. Casket bearers were Mark Wise, Mike Szadis, Bob Burley, Steve Wise, Walt Nelsen, Jason Randeris and Bill Burley. Knutson Funeral Home in