

Edwin G. Goesser, 70

Defiance — Edwin Godfred Goesser, son of John and Cecelia Kenkel Goesser, was born on a farm near Earling, on March 25, 1909. He was baptized, confirmed and educated at St. Boniface church and school in Westphalia, and later attended Dowling high school in Des Moines.

On May 22, 1934, he married Irene Finken in St. Joseph's church in Earling. Four children were born to this union. After their marriage, they lived in Defiance where he was named postmaster. In 1944, he entered the Army and was stationed with the Postal Service in New Orleans, La., for two years. After receiving his honorable discharge in 1946, Edwin returned to Defiance where he resumed his position as postmaster until March of 1947 when he transferred to rural mail carrier. He received numerous awards for safe driving in his 28 years without an accident and retired in 1975 after over 40 years of service with the Postal Department.

He had been a member of St. Peter's church in Defiance since his youth. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1741 of Earling, a member of the Luke E. Hart Assembly, and Faithful Comptroller of the 4th Degree, Knights of Columbus of Defiance and a member of its Chalice club. Having joined the American Legion Post 707 in Defiance, in 1947, he held many offices including adjutant for over 15 years.

Edwin had coached little league baseball in Defiance for over 20 years and was currently the city treasurer. Recently, he was honored for his many years of public service by the Defiance Community club.

Mr Goesser died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, Friday, Sept. 14, 1979, at age 70 years, 5 months and 19 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Wayne and a granddaughter, Patricia Murphy. Survived by his wife, Irene, of Defiance; a daughter, Marilyn (Mrs John Murphy) of Dunlap; two sons - Patrick "Pat" of Defiance and Dennis of Omaha; and four grandchildren, by a brother, Lawrence Goesser, of Earling; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Peter's church in Defiance, on Monday, Sept. 17, 1979, with Msgr. John McIlhon as celebrant and Rev. Jim Freeman and Rev. Fred Reischl as concelebrants. Burial was in St. Peter's cemetery, Defiance, with Mike McCoy, Dean Finken, Ken Schneider, Allen Schneider, Daryl Schneider, and Roger Munchrath serving as pallbearers.

Military rites were conducted at the graveside by the American Legion Post No. 707 of Defiance. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of the services.
