

John Joseph Schleimer, 80

Defiance — John Joseph Schleimer, son of Anton and Wilhelmina Behrendt Schleimer, was born Oct. 25, 1900 on a farm in Portsmouth. He was baptized, received his First Communion and Confirmation at St. Mary's Catholic church in Portsmouth and attended the Catholic schools in both Panama and Westphalia. After graduating from the eighth grade, he grew to adulthood helping on the family farm. He then farmed for himself for a few years before going into the trucking business in 1932.

Later, he married Lenora B. Rushenberg in Defiance. Four children were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home in Defiance and he continued in the trucking business until 1952, when he became employed by St. Peter's and Paul's Catholic parish in Defiance as their janitor. After retiring in 1972, he continued to make his home in Defiance until becoming a resident of the Denison Care Center in Denison, in Nov. of 1980. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic church in Defiance.

He died at the Crawford County hospital on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 1981 having attained the age of 80 years.

He is survived by one son, Franklin of Omaha, Neb.; three daughters, Donna (Mrs Leonard) Schurke of Denison, Marlene (Mrs Bob) Terwilleger and Janis (Mrs Jerry) Ross, both of Omaha; 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild; three brothers, Tony and Frank, both of Harlan and Joseph of Shelby; four sisters, Mary Thraen of Harlan, Cecilia (Mrs Raymond) Fitzgerald of Persia, Catherine (Mrs

Wayne) Ferry of Vale and Betty (Mrs Cleo) Anderson of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Peter's Catholic church in Defiance on Friday, Sept. 11, 1981 with Msgr. John McIlhon as celebrant and the Rev. James Freeman as concelebrant.

Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery with Loren Ferry, Bill Fitzgerald and David Anderson serving as honorary casketbearers and Scott Schurke, Donald Schleimer, Gary Thraen, Ray Schleimer, Steve Terwilleger and Bud Rushenberg serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan handled the arrangements.