

Warren "Tobe" Schaben, 69

July 1, 1936 - Dec. 18, 2005

DEFIANCE — Warren "Tobe" Anthony Schaben, was born July 1, 1936, to Clarence and Catherine Block Schaben at Defiance. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. Tobe attended school at St. Paul's Catholic School in Defiance, and was a member of the graduating class of 1954. Upon graduation, he worked at the Defiance Lumberyard for 11 years. He then was employed at Farmland for eight years. Tobe purchased a bar and restaurant on Main Street in Defiance and then sold it. Then he bought the gas station and bar on the corner in Defiance. He remodeled and converted it to a bar named, "Tobe's Place ." He operated the bar for 27 years.

Dec. 14, 1985, Tobe married Louann Smith at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. After their marriage, they continued to make their home in Defiance. Tobe loved baseball and played in high school as well as Town Team. He died Dec. 18, 2005, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age sixty-nine years, five months and 17 days.

In addition to his parents, Tobe was preceded in death by his brothers Dennis and Adolph. Survivors include his wife, Louann of Defiance; his sisters and brothers, Mary (Richard) Muell of Missouri Valley; Alice McCullough of Carroll; Donald Schaben (Judy) of Defiance; Marlene (Lyle) Christensen of Audubon; Allen Schaben (Joanne) of Harlan; his stepchildren, Cal Bradley (Elaine) of Santa Maria, CA; Diana (Russell) Rauterkus of Harlan; David Bradley (Tyla) of Irwin; eight step-grandchildren and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 22, 2005, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance, with Tom Gross, Clem Henkelman, Donald Dotzler, Lou Heller, Charlie Goetzinger, Dean Bissen, and George Sonderman honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Tom Heller, Alan Jensen, Wes Walker, Ronald Arkfeld, Ron Schaben, and John Fromm. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

