

Ellsworth Schechinger, 74 ✓

Feb. 10, 1932 - April 16, 2006

MANILLA — Ellsworth Leo "Buddy", son of Valentine and Martha (Schmitz) Schechinger, was born Feb. 10, 1932, in Westphalia. Buddy received his education in Westphalia and graduated from St. Boniface High School in 1950.

June 9, 1953, Buddy married Grace Arkfeld at St. Peter's Church in Defiance. Ten children were born to this union. The couple spent the first two years of their married life with the United States Army, stationed in Ft. Riley, KS, Columbia, SC; and Ft. Campbell, KY. After his discharge, he started farming and they moved to Manilla Jan. 6, 1956. He loved farming and continued to assist his sons during busy times even after retiring. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Church in Manilla and the Holy Name Society. Following a short hospitalization, he died unexpectedly April 16, 2006, at Creighton Medical Center in Omaha, NE, at age 74 years, two months and six days.

Preceding Buddy in death are his parents; sisters, Ella Marie Nielsen and Evelyn Coenen; brother, Valentine Schechinger, Jr.; grandson, Cory Nissen; infant granddaughter, Reagan Schechinger; brother-in-law, Irmin Reding; and sister-in-law, Rita Schechinger. He is survived by his wife, Grace Schechinger of Manilla; 10 children, Randy Schechinger and special friend, Sharon Thelen of Manilla; Diane (Troy) Andrews of Manilla; Doug Schechinger (Julie) of Manilla; Julianne (Vic) Wager of Vienna, VA; Cheri (Bob) Adams of Breda; Cindy (Kurt) Seuntjens of Danbury; Nancy (Jerry) Croghan of Manning; Brian Schechinger (Pat) of Manilla; Bruce Schechinger (Tracey) of Manilla; and Lisa (Jerrod) Reimer of Schleswig; 41 grandchildren, Cara, Keith, Katie and Marc Schechinger; Colby and Cody Nissen and Grace Andrews; Taryn, Tyler, Corey and Brandon Schechinger; Steven, Stacy, Christopher and Kevin Wager; Nathan, Matthew, Andrea, Ryan, Allison, Anthony, Aimee and Evan Adams; Angela (Bechen) Dunn (Nick), Amy and Aaron Bechen and Andy Seuntjens; Justin, Chantel, Megan, Jerad and Amber Croghan; Denim and Jezlynn Schechinger; Bailey Schechinger; and Tanner, Conner and Keegan Reimer; great-grandson, Gunner Cornelius; sisters, Jeanette (Ray) Chipman of Harlan and Marie Reding of Manilla; brother, Melvin Schechinger of Manilla; brothers-in-law, Melvin Coenen of Harlan and Robert Nielsen of Omaha; sister-in-law, Dorothy Schechinger of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held April 19, 2006, at Sacred Heart Church in Manilla, with Rev. Robert Gralapp celebrant and Rev. Daniel Petsche, OSB, concelebrant. Burial with military honors by American Legion Post 132 was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery near Manilla, with his grandchildren honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Keith Schechinger, Nathan Adams, Tyler Schechinger, Aaron Bechen, Steven Wager and Justin Croghan casket bearers. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.