

Orville A. Niekamp

Orville A. Niekamp, 66, of Osgood, died at 5:10 a.m. Monday, March 19, 2007, at his residence.

He was born May 1, 1940, in Sharpsburg, a son of Aloys and Odelia (Bruggeman) Niekamp, and they preceded him in death.

On Oct. 2, 1965, he married Alice "Sarie" Bergman in Osgood, and she survives him.

He is also survived by a son, Doug (Sue) Niekamp of North Star; four daughters, Cindy (Steve) Muh-

lenkamp of St. Anthony, Patty (Mike) Groff of North Star, Julie (Scott) McEldowney of Versailles, Christy (Randy) Gehret of Willowdell; a sister, Mary Ann Nieberding of Versailles; a sister-in-law, Bernie Niekamp of Rossburg; a step-sister, Mary (Bart) Ahlers of Coldwater; and 15 grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, a brother, Victor Niekamp; a brother-in-law, Bernard Nieberding; a step-brother, Ed Nieberding; and two step-sisters, Bertha Homan and Edna Heitkamp also preceded him in death.

He was a veteran of the Army National Guard and was a member and past commander of American Legion Post 174. He was a retired member of the North Star Fire Department and former coordinator of the fire prevention program at North Star Elementary.

He was a former North Star Little League coach and past parade chairman of the North Star Community Picnic. He was a longtime bowler at McBo's Lanes in Versailles, and an avid race fan and member of the Eldora "Big 'E" and booster clubs.

He was also a member of St. Louis Church and the Mens Holy Name of the Church.

He formerly owned and operated George's General Store in North Star and was employed in the meat department at Wagners I.G.A. in Minster until his death.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 22, 2007, at St. Louis Church, in North Star, with the Rev. David Zink officiating. Burial will follow at St. Louis Cemetery in North Star. The North Star American Legion will conduct Military rites at the cemetery.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Coldwater was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed on the Web at www.hogenkampfh.com.

Memorial contributions may be directed to State of the Heart Health and Hospice in Coldwater.
