Donald Raymond Michalek, 81

Funeral services for Donald Raymond Michalek, 81, Victor, were held at 10:30 a.m., Sept. 22 at St. Bridget Catholic Church, Victor. He died Sept. 19, 2001, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.


Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Victor. Casket bearers were Brian Michalek, Alan Michalek, Kevin Michalek, Steven Michalek, Jeremiah Michalek, Rob DeMeyer, and Christopher DeMeyer.

Memorials contributions may be directed to Camp Courageous and/or Victor Medical Center.

Smith Funeral Home, Victor, was in charge of arrangements.

Don was born May 27, 1920, the son of Joseph and Rosa Petzetka, on the family farm near Victor. He was a 1938 graduate of St. John's Catholic High School.

He was married to Sarah Benesh on June 7, 1941, in Kirksville, Mo. The couple farmed east of Victor for many years prior to moving to Victor in 1976. Don continued to be active on the farm until his retirement in 1997. He was a member of St. Bridget Catholic Church, and past grand knight of the Victor Knights of Columbus.

Don loved his life on the farm and was a good steward of the land. He held a great love for his family, and enjoyed fishing, card playing, and reading. Don was also a great Chicago Cubs fan.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah of Victor; his children, David Michalek and his wife, Kathy of East Moline, Ill., Daniel Michalek and his wife, Mary of Bettendorf, Diana DeMeyer and her husband, Robert, of Davenport, Douglas Michalek and his wife, Susan of Victor, and Susan Michalek and her husband, Mark Harrison of Minneapolis; 16 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Rosemary Kent of Tucson, Ariz.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, George and Louis.