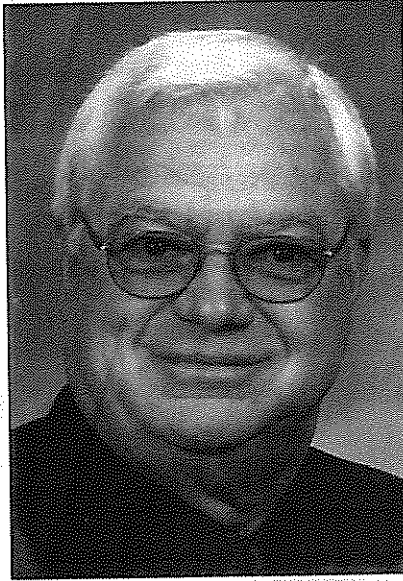


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Arnold L. 'Butch' Baetsle, Jr.



Arnold L. "Butch" Baetsle, Jr., 72, of Harper and formerly of this area, died Friday, Nov. 14, 2014, at the Washington County Hospital.

Funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Holy Trinity Parish - St. Mary Catholic Church in Keota, with the Rev. Charles Fladung officiating. Burial will be at Holy Trinity Cemeteries - St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Harper.

In lieu of flowers, a general memorial fund has been established. Powell

Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Keota is caring for Butch and his family. Tributes may be left at www.powellfuneralhomes.com.

Butch was born April 12, 1942, in Marengo, the son of Arnold and Arlene O'Keefe Baetsle, Sr., and received his education in Victor. On Aug. 5, 1961, he married Helen Gorsh at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Victor. The couple lived in Grinnell, where Butch was a foreman for Miracle Recreation Equipment Corp. until 1983, when they moved to Harper. Butch was a salesman for Vittetoe, Inc. for over 20 years. Following retirement Butch continued in sales with Statler Construction and Kalona Post and Frame.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Parish - St. Mary Catholic Church and was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. He served on many different church and civic boards, and enjoyed the annual tractorcades, mowing, community service, sports and his grandchildren's activities.

Survivors include his wife Helen of Harper; four children: David Baetsle of Ollie, Darrell Baetsle of Walford, Darren Baetsle of Keota and Deb Sullivan of Fairfax; 12 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; brother Tom Baetsle of Ladysmith, Wis.; and other relations, including his God daughter Wanda White of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother William Baetsle.