

MR - DECEMBER 21, 2005

Leonard L. Koch, 74

Leonard L. Koch, 74, of Knoxville and formerly of Gibson, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005 at the Hospice Comfort House in Pella.

His funeral service was held Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the Harden Funeral Chapel in What Cheer with Marvin Freeborn officiating. Interment followed at the Sixteen Cemetery near Thornburg. The Harden Funeral Home in What Cheer was in charge of the arrangements.

Leonard was born on June 9, 1931 in Oskaloosa, the son of Gustav and Esther Strasser Koch. He was raised and educated in What Cheer and graduated from the What Cheer High School in 1948. On Nov. 27, 1949, Leonard was united in marriage to Betty Peters at the Deep River Methodist parsonage. During his life Leonard worked at the Creamery in North English, the Gibson Elevator

and at the Farmers Co-op in Barnes City. His enjoyments included gardening, fishing, NASCAR, tinkering in the garage, watching sports on TV, attending the Iowa State Fair where he and his family would have a picnic and Betty's fried chicken was served every year. He enjoyed spending time with his family most of all.

Leonard's memory is honored by his three daughters, Pam and husband Larry Flander of Searsboro, Susan and husband Bill Steffey of Grimes, and Cindy and husband Fred VerSchuure of Oskaloosa, nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and a sister-in-law, Letha Horn, and her family of San Diego, Calif.

His parents, his wife, Betty, and an infant sister, Vetrice Fern Koch, preceded him in death.