

Gerald Joseph Baustian ^{BC} Dec. 2, 1995

Mass of the Resurrection was held Saturday morning, Nov. 28, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell for Gerald Joseph Baustian, 76, of North Platte, Neb., and formerly of Grinnell, who died of injuries sustained in a single car accident near Lincoln, Neb. The Rev. William Reynolds concelebrated with the Rev. Maynard Brothersen of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Organist was Kyle Szary, and the St. Mary's choir, directed by Karen Town, rendered the selections "Amazing Grace," "Be Not Afraid," "Gift of Finest Wheat," "On Eagles Wings" and "City of God."

The son of Lester L. and Mary K. Schwartz Baustian, Gerald was born March 23, 1922, in Grinnell. He was raised and educated in Grinnell and was a 1941 graduate of Grinnell High School. As a veteran of World War II, he served with the Army Air Corps.

Gerald married Rita Brothersen Aug. 7, 1950, in Victor, and the couple farmed in Poweshiek County before moving to Columbia, Mo., in 1974. In 1977, he moved to North Platte, Neb., where he worked with his brother at Coast to Coast. Retired in 1988, he began working part-time in the maintenance department at Linden Manor in North Platte.

Gerald was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in North Platte and the Grinnell Elks Lodge. He loved tending to his garden, growing tomatoes and strawberries, and held a passion for making clocks. He enjoyed carpentry and the tedious and methodical work attributed to his clockwork.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two sons, Richard in 1986 and Daniel in 1988.

He is survived by his wife, Rita, of Grinnell; seven children, Gerald Baustian Jr. of La Mesa, Calif., Teresa Baustian of Des Moines, Kathleen Baustian of Des Moines, Diane Burke of Chesterfield, Mich., Leslie Pijut of Dittmer, Mo., Loretta Baustian of Chicago, and Jennifer Hartz of Grinnell; six grandchildren, Austin and Andrew Burke of Chesterfield, Stephanie Baustian of Little Rock, Ark., Hannah and Emma Hartz of Grinnell, and Jake Pijut of Dittmer; and one brother, Harlan Baustian of North Platte.

Should friends desire, contributions can be made to the Gerald J. Baustian Memorial Fund.

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Gerald J. Baustian, 76, of North Platte, Neb., formerly of Grinnell, died Nov. 25 of injuries he sustained in a one-car accident near Lincoln, Neb.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Revs. William Reynolds and Maynard Brothersen officiating. Music was provided by organist Kyle Szary and St. Mary's Choir.

The son of Lester L. and Mary K. Schwartz Baustian, he was born March 23, 1922, in Grinnell. He was a 1941 graduate of Grinnell High School. He served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was married to Rita Brothersen Aug. 7, 1950, in Victor, and the couple farmed in Poweshiek County before moving to Columbia, Mo., in 1974. In 1977 he moved to North Platte where he worked with his brother at Coast to Coast. He retired in 1988, then worked part time in the maintenance department at Linden Manor in North Platte.

Mr. Baustian was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in North Platte and the Grinnell Elks Lodge.

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A Gerald J. Baustian Memorial Fund has been established.

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