

Louis DeRycke

A funeral mass was held Monday morning, June 19, at St. Bridget's Catholic church in Victor for Louis DeRycke, 97, who died at Brooklyn Community Estates on Friday, June 16, 2000, after a short illness. The Rev. Richard Okumu officiated, and Mike DeRycke was the lector. Servers were Brian Barker and Troy Barker.

Music was by organist Verabeth Bricker, and vocalist Debbie Davidson, with the selections, "On Eagles' Wings," "The Prayer of St. Francis," "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and "Amazing Grace."

Pallbearers were Julian Boudonck, Marvin DeRycke, Randy DeRycke, Daniel DeRycke, Mike DeRycke, Jerry Henning and Bryan Lenz. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Victor.

Louis was born on Dec. 10, 1902, in Victor, to Serafien and Honorine Tack DeRycke. He was reared on the family farm and attended rural schools nearby.

On Nov. 26, 1924, he was married to Rachel L. Saelens at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Belle Plaine. The couple made their home and farmed in the Hartwick and Victor area all of their lives. Louis loved farming, enjoyed repairing and maintaining his machinery, and loved to read. He was a member of St. Bridget's Catholic Church of Victor.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1999, and four brothers, Henry, Emil, Asiel and Peter.

He is survived by two sons and their spouses, John and Grace DeRycke of Victor (grandchildren Mike and fiancée Anne Moore, and Sharon and her husband, Bryan) and Don and Alice DeRycke, Victor (grandchildren Daniel and wife Jill, Randy and wife Michelle, and Ann); and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to the Louis DeRycke Memorial Fund. Smith Funeral Home in Victor was in charge of arrangements.