

Arnold August Verdeck

Arnold August Verdeck, 81, of Hartwick, died on Sunday, July 8, 2001, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2001 at Smith Funeral Home, Victor. Rev. Richard Okumu, pastor of St. Bridget Catholic Church in Victor, officiated. Casket bearers were Steve Dillon, Tony Dillon, Wayne Dillon, Chris Verdeck, Jeff Verdeck and Robert Verdeck. VeraBeth Bricker was the organist, and selections included "Don't Fence Me In," "In the Garden" and "Old Rugged Cross." Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Victor.

Arnold was born on Jan. 19, 1920, in Guernsey to August and Irma DeCaluwe Verdeck. He was raised on the family farm and attended rural school.

On April 21, 1957, he married Jeaneva Lucas in Victor. The couple then farmed near Hartwick and retired from farming in 1989.

He was a member of St. Bridget's Catholic Church and the Victor American Legion. Arnold enjoyed playing cards and rolle bolle. He also enjoyed his family and home.

He is survived by his wife, Jeaneva Verdeck of Hartwick; three sons, David and his wife Robin of Belle Plaine, John and Michael, both of Harwick; one daughter, Shannon of Marengo; four grandchildren, Lory Hildred, Stacy, Chris and Robert Verdeck; and three great-grandchildren, Fricka Hildred, Jacy Lee and Rae Lynn Verdeck.

Arnold was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Leonard, Raymond and Charles; and one sister, Margaret Christian.

Bd July 18, 2001