



Francis O. Kathka

December 10, 1929 - March 11, 2011

Francis Oakley Kathka, 81, Humansville, died Friday, March 11, 2011 at Citizens Memorial Healthcare Facility, Bolivar. The son of Gustave and Julia (Barrett) Kathka, he was born in McCook, Nebraska December 10, 1929. He attended school in Oberlin, Kansas and served in the U. S. Navy during the Korean War. On July 28, 1956 he and Ann Dorenkamp were married. He farmed in northwest Kansas later moving to Missouri where he raised cattle. He enjoyed playing cards with his friends at the Over 50 Club in Bolivar. He was a member of St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Humansville. His parents, Gustave and Julia Kathka, step-mother, Pearl Kathka; brothers, Vollie, Harley and Ival Kathka; sisters, LaVerle Kathka, Letha Riblett, Mary Hilton and LaFern Leitner; and his father and mother-in-law, Tony and Anna Dorenkamp, preceded him in death. Surviving is his wife, Ann, of the home; son, Roger Kathka and wife, Karen, Springfield; daughter, Angela Gries and husband, Joe, Humansville; three grandchildren, William Joel Kennedy and wife, Emma, serving in the U. S. Army stationed in Germany, Jeanna Kennedy, St. Louis, and Jarred Kennedy and fianc e, Ashley Brown, Springfield; great-grandson, Connor Kennedy; brother, Emory Kathka and wife Delores, McCook, Nebraska; sisters, Wilma Kathka and Agnes Urban, both of Colby, Kansas; brother-in-law, Joe Dorenkamp and wife, Laura, Selden, Kansas; and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral mass will be at 10:00 AM Friday, March 18, 2011 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Father Pat Wissman, celebrant. Interment will be in St. Wenceslaus Cemetery. Visitation

will be Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Murray Funeral Home, Bolivar.
Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Alpha House, 469 S. Albany,
Bolivar, MO 65613.

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Tribute Wall



“ Francis O. Kathka

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ Francis O. Kathka

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ Dear Ann, We were sorry to hear about your recent loss and wanted to send our sympathy to you and your family. You are in the thoughts and prayers of many of your former parishioners at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin. May God bless you with his comfort and peace.

Rick & Dori Pauls - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Ann, I can't tell you how sorry I am. I didn't know or I would have been at the funeral. God Bless. Carolyn Bel

Carolyn Bel - March 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers will be with the Gries family and all those who are in mourning.

Richard S. Hartley, Jr. - March 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Thanks for the call. Sorry to hear about Dick's passing, Please accept our sincere condolences. Iris and Hank*

Iris and Hank Benton - March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM