George Befort 1938-2001

DAMAR - George Befort, 62, died April 25 at his home in Damar. He was born May 25, 1938, in rural Ellis County, the son of August and Helen Pfeifer Befort. He attended Antonino Grade School and was a 1956 graduate of Hays High School.

He married Rosalie Klaus Sept. 27, 1958, in Antonino. He married Elaine Hamel Brin Jan. 16, 1996. A resident of Damar, coming from Ellis County and Antonino, he was a farmer, custom harvester and owner/operator of Befort Sales.

Befort was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Damar and former member of the Knights of Columbus in Ellis. He served in the Army National Guard.

Survivors include his wife of the home; his parents of Hays; four sons, Bruce Befort and Clayton Befort, both of Hays, Rodney Befort of Ingalls and Rex A. Befort of Wichita; one daughter, Karen L. Kohl of Hays; five stepsons, Marty Brin of Great Bend, Arlen Brin of Zurich, Myron Brin of Plainville, Galen Brin of Kansas City, Mo., and David Brin of Hays; one stepdaughter, Sheri Webb of Logan; one brother, Jim Befort of Monroe, N.C.; one sister, Alberta Klaus of Hays; 10 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; 17 step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

Vigil service will be at 6:30 tonight at Cline's Mortuary of Hays. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church in Hays with the Revs. Don McCarthy, Bill Surmeier and Bill Kilian officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call until 9 tonight and from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. Saturday, all at the mortuary.

Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association or Rooks County Transportation Van and Masses, all in care of the mortuary.