

Seneca , KS



Lillis Leo Haverkamp, 81, of Seneca, Kansas died Friday evening, March 2, 2012, at Crestview Manor Nursing and Residential Living in Seneca.

He was born August 30, 1930 at Seneca, to John F. and Teresa J. Olberding Haverkamp. At his birth the family lived north of St. Benedict; then in 1943, they moved a mile east of St. Benedict. He attended St. Mary's School in St. Benedict. In 1958, the family moved a mile west of St. Benedict. Lillis helped on the family farm, drove a city bus in Topeka and was a substitute driver for the Sabetha Creamery.

On January 21, 1958 he married Arlene H. Gress at Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church in Seneca. The couple farmed northwest of Seneca until 2008, when they moved to Seneca. Also, in 2008, the couple publically celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Lillis enjoyed being farmer and a stockman all his life; he also enjoyed helping his brothers on their farms. His hobbies were his grandchildren, farm shows and being a farmer. Lillis was a very gentle talking, quiet man who always had time to visit with anyone.

He was a member of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, St. Joseph's Society and the Knights of Columbus Council 1769 in Seneca. He was a past member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in St. Benedict, where he served on the parish council. He also served on the Rural Water District No. 3 Board for six years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Kenneth Haverkamp, and an infant brother, John Henry Haverkamp.

Survivors are his wife of 54 years, of the home; three sons, Dennis Haverkamp of Bedford Village, New York, Tom Haverkamp and his wife Mary Beth of Seneca and Paul Haverkamp and his wife Laura of Mclouth, Kansas; two daughters, Janet Heideman and her husband Dennis of Baileyville and Bonnie Meeks of Paola, Kansas; a brother, John Haverkamp of Seneca; four sisters, Angela Devillier of St. Mary's, Kansas, Cecillia Kohake of Sabetha, Luella Curti of Seneca and Henrietta Dressman of Baileyville; and nine grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 AM on Monday, March 5, 2012 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Seneca. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Rosaries will be prayed at 2 & 7 PM on Sunday, March 4th at Lauer Funeral Home in Seneca.

Memorials may be left in Lillis name to Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, and sent in care of the family.