

Circleville, KS

Wilfred “Willie” Ignatius Niehues, 66, of Circleville, Kansas, died of Progressive Supranuclear Palsy on October 14, 2020 at the Nemaha Valley Community Hospital in Seneca.

Willie was born in Seneca on February 1, 1954 to Edwin and Rosalita Renneger Niehues. Willie grew up in the Kelly community, attended St. Bede’s Grade School and graduated from Nemaha Valley High School 1972.

As a young man he helped on the family farm and was employed in Topeka at the Goodyear Plant; he devoted the rest of his life to farming.

Willie married Colette Hammes on February 4, 1978 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Seneca KS. To this union was born two children, Nichole & Eric. The couple later divorced. Willie farmed until his health kept him from doing so; but farming was always in his heart.

Willie enjoyed hunting, fishing and catching up with his friends and family. He was a member of St. Bede’s Catholic Church in Kelly.

Willie is preceded in death by his father, Edwin on October 1, 2018; and a brother, Michael on July 9, 2007.

Willie is survived by his children, Nicole (Patrik) Leonard of Salina and Eric (Ashley) Niehues of Fairview, Kansas; his mother, Rosie of Seneca; his four brothers, David (Anita) of Fort Collins, Colorado, Leland (Jane) of Goff, Leon (Sharon) of Huntsville, Arkansas and Dennis (Laurie) of Goff; his two sisters, Patty (Larry) Bolgar of Cleveland, Ohio and Cindy (Dan) Heideman of Wamego; a sister-in-law, Carol Niehues of Sabetha; and six grandchildren, Owen, Lily, and Mason Leonard & Emrie, Raelie, and Gage Niehues.

A Rosary will be prayed at 2 PM on Sunday, October 18th at the Lauer Funeral Home. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 2 PM at St. Bede’s Catholic Church in Kelly. Burial will be at a later date at St. Bede’s Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials may be left in his memory to Crestview Nursing & Residential Living and/or St. Bede’s Catholic Cemetery.