

Seneca, KS

Francis H. Sudbeck, 89, of Seneca, died on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 in Seneca, Kansas.

Francis was born to Franz and Mary A. Olberding Sudbeck on March 7, 1929. He grew up on the family farm northwest of St. Benedict, Kansas, and attended Haug Country School for a year before attending St. Mary's Grade School, graduating from St. Benedict High School in 1946. His father died when Francis was only nine years old, causing him to grow up fast and to work as hard as any man on the family farm. Francis farmed the family homestead until he joined the U.S. Army on July 9, 1952; he was assigned to Battery A 7th AAA AW BN. He served one year, four months and fifteen days in Germany, and he was discharged as CPL from Fort Knox, Kentucky on June 16, 1954.

Francis married Eileen Lierz on February 5, 1958 at St. Augustine in Fidelity.

Francis returned to the farm and continued to farm the family farm, where he lived until 2013, when the couple moved to Seneca. Francis really never retired as he continued to help his son with the family farming operation.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, serving on the Church Council when the church was restored to its original glory; and St. Joseph's Society. Francis loved farming; but, he also enjoyed baseball, reading, fishing and hunting and watching sports.

He was preceded in death a by a grandson, Tyler Hammes on March 12, 2018; his parents,

Franz on December 20, 1943 and Mary A. on September 16, 1990; and brothers, Linus Sudbeck on August 7, 1990 and Virgil Sudbeck on July 4, 2016.

Francis is survived by his wife of 60 years, Eileen of the home, a son, Dave (Lori) Sudbeck of Seneca; daughters, Nancy (Maurice) Feldkamp of Baileyville, Judy (Rudy) Davis of Olathe and Glenda (Bradley) Hammes of Baileyville; a sister, Antonia Wassenberg of Seneca; and a brother, Junias Sudbeck of Seneca; twelve grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Rosaries will be prayed at 2 & 7 P.M. on Friday, October 19th at the Lauer Funeral Home in Seneca. The Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 A.M. Saturday, October 20, 2018 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in St. Benedict.

Memorial are For the St. Mary's Church and/or NVCH, sent in care of the family. Lauer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. To express your sympathy and for more information visit www.lauerfuneralhome.com .

