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Robert O'Brien, 81

Robert (Bob) O'Brien, 81, of Montgomery, died Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008, at Queen of Peace Hospital in New Prague.

Bob was born December 15, 1926, in Kilkenny Township, Le Sueur County, a son of Tom and Catherine (Hruska) O'Brien. He attended country schools in the Kilkenny area and graduated from Montgomery High School in 1945. He served in the U.S. Army from 1945 to 1948. Following military service Bob worked on the farm and moved from Kilkenny Township to Montgomery in 1950. He married Marietta Hruby on September 8, 1951, at Holy Redeemer Church in Montgomery. He worked at Hruby's John Deere Implement from 1950 to 1974 and then worked for the Montgomery Post Office from 1977 until retiring. He had also operated the Montgomery Cleaners from 1975 to 1977. Bob enjoyed farming, animals, watching sports, card playing and his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters Connie (Joe) Daleiden, Lonsdale, Laurie (Andy) Zimprich, Cleveland and Diane Pitan, Morristown; son James (Kathy) O'Brien, Kilkenny; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; three brothers Ray (Pauline) O'Brien, New Prague, Harold O'Brien, Le Center and Jerome (Cleo) O'Brien, Isle.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister Eileen Doyle; and son-in-law Cary Pitan.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Oct. 30, at 11 a.m., at Holy Redeemer Church in Montgomery, with Rev. Cory Rohlfing officiating and military honors provided by the Montgomery Area Veterans Honor Guard.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Montgomery. Pallbearers will be James O'Brien, Mike Daleiden, James Daleiden, Paul Daleiden, Adam Pitan and Alex Zimprich.

Visitation was held Wednesday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Schoenbauer Funeral Home in Montgomery and at the church Thursday one hour prior to the service.