William Stefan, son of Jacob and Rosalia (Martin) Stefan, was born October 25, 1927 in Crvenka, Yugoslavia. William received his education in Yugoslavia. At the age of 24 William was baptized in Francesville, Indiana. On April 6, 1952 he was united in marriage to Hilda Gegner in Francesville, Indiana. The couple farmed in Indiana, then made their home in Golden City, MO where they farmed with their sons, owned and operated Jasper County Seed Company and resided until his death.

William was an active member of the Apostolic Christian Church. During his retirement he enjoyed watching his sons farm and also feeding and caring for his cows and calves. A special blessing was sharing life with his beloved wife of 51 years. The joy of grandchildren and great grandchildren blossomed in his later years—bringing much sunshine to his life. The church fellowship was a precious part of his life.

William died at 4:20 p.m. on Sunday, July 18, 2004 in Jasper County, Missouri after an automobile accident having lived to reach the age of 76 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife Hilda, his parents, Jacob and Rosalia, brothers Jacob and Joseph, sister Zita, son George and grandson Stefan Koehl.

William is survived by his two sons Willie Stefan and his wife Natalie and Paul Stefan and his wife Debbie, both of rural Golden City, MO, his daughter Hildegard Koehl and her husband James of Ramona, California, 11 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren which all had a special place in his heart.

Memorials may be given to the: Gateway Woods Children's Home, Leo, Indiana in care of the funeral home.

In Memory of

WILLIAM STEFAN

BORN

DIED

October 25, 1927 Crvenka, Yugoslavia

July 18, 2004 Jasper County, Missouri

Age: 76 years 8 months 23 days

FUNERAL SERVICES

Wednesday, July 21, 2004 10:00 a.m. Apostolic Christian Church, Lamar, MO

MUSIC

Apostolic Christian Church Choir

OFFICIATING

Minister Lawrence Luthi

Minister Bill Dotterer

CASKET BEARERS

Mark Stefan Doug Stefan Brian Gaste! David Thomas
Andrew Garwood Gabe Johnston Loren Schmidgall
INTERMENT

Roseland Cemetery- Francesville, Indiana

BRIEF FUNERAL SERVICE -

Thursday, July 22, 2004 10:00 a.m. Querry-Ulbricht Funeral Home- Francesville, Indiana