



## John Kercher

September 21, 1916 – June 4, 2011

John Kercher, 94, longtime Ogallala resident, died Saturday, June 4, 2011 at Indian Hills Manor.

John Theodore Kercher was born September 21, 1916 at Reliance, South Dakota., the son of Jacob and Clara Lorang Kercher. He received his elementary education in Reliance and then graduated from high school in Marmarth, North Dakota in 1935.



He entered military service in 1943 as a mechanic in the Air Transport Command in the Army Air Corps. John was discharged in 1946 as a staff sergeant. He returned to Ogallala and worked at several car mechanic jobs, retiring in 1992 from Ogallala Public Schools in the maintenance department.

On January 6, 1948 John married Marian Lamb in Grant. The couple lived in Grant and Ogallala. John was a member of St. Lukes Catholic Church. He was a long time member of the American Legion Post 135 and was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3755. He loved watching basketball and football and enjoyed working in the yard.

Preceding him in death were his parents, brothers: Leo, Leonard, and Earl; and sisters Freida Peterson, Rose Mostek, Lucille Schmidt, and Irene Claymon.

Visitation will be Tuesday, June 7, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Draucker Funeral Home. The graveside service will be Wednesday, June 8, at 10 a.m. in the Ogallala Cemetery with military honors by Keith County Veterans Organization. Father Bryan Ernest of St. Lukes Catholic Church will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to the Callahan Cancer Center in North Platte.

Survivors include his wife Marian Kercher, three daughters: Mary Morris, Linda Kercher, and Joan Kercher, all of Ogallala. Grandsons Duane (Samantha) Morris of Landisburg, Penn. and John Morris of Ogallala; Four great-grandchildren: Dameon Morris, Dylan Morris, Bethany Morris and Blake Morris. Sisters-in-law Esther Lamb of California and Lavon Kercher of Colorado and numerous nieces and nephews.

Online condolences may be sent to [webmaster@drauckerfh.com](mailto:webmaster@drauckerfh.com).

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.