Funeral services for Ralph E. Plote, 71 of Victor Township, Leland, Illinois will be held at 2 pm Sunday at Leland United Methodist Church, the Rev. Alka Lyell will officiate with fellowship to follow. Born Jan 25 1930 on the family farm in Palatine Township, the son of Elmer and Louella Bruns Plote, he died Friday, December 21, 2001 at his home after a courageous battle with cancer. His cremains will rest at Randhill Park Cemetery, Rand Road, Arlington Heights, at a private ceremony. He married Elaine Heinrich on Dec 4, 1955 at St. Jon Evangelical and Reformed Church, Bensenville. He was a dairy farmer. He is survived by his wife, Elaine; children, Sandra (Ken) Mason, Marlene (Larry) Sampson, Lester Plote and Roy (Janet) Plote all of Leland; sister Margaret (Elmer) Keuter of Somonauk; uncle Arthur Plote of DeKalb; grandchildren Brooke (Matt) Grzanik, Ryan Mason, Jennifer and Brittany Sampson and Ethan and Avery Plote and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.