



THE LIFE STORY OF —
**Ralph G.
Buman, 49**

PORTSMOUTH — Ralph George Buman, son of George and Clara Sizer Buman, was born on a farm in Shelby county, on April 10, 1928. He died at his home near Portsmouth, on Sept. 18, 1977 at age of 49 years, five months and eight days. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic church in Portsmouth. He attended school in Tennant and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. After graduating from Tennant high school in 1945, he farmed with his father for a few years. In Jan. of 1951, he entered the Army and served in Korea until receiving his honorable discharge in Jan. of 1953. He then returned to the Portsmouth area. On Sept. 6, 1954, he married Catherine Reinig at St. Francis Catholic church in Co. Bluffs. Six children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Buman made their home on a farm in Lincoln twp. and this has been his home since that time. Ralph was a life time member of St. Mary's church in Portsmouth. He was a member of the Portsmouth American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 941 in Harlan.

He was preceded in death by his parents. His survivors include his wife, Catherine Buman, of Portsmouth; three daughters - Ann (Mrs Larry Swierczek) of Omaha, Sharon Buman of Blair and Susan Buman, at home; three sons - Jim, Paul and Larry, all at home, by two brothers - Joseph Buman of rural Harlan and John Buman of Buffalo, Minn.; six sisters - Rosemary (Mrs John M. Free) and Jeannette (Mrs Dean Powoll) of Omaha, Loanne (Mrs Gerald Reinig) and Mildred (Mrs Alvin Reinig) of Portsmouth, Evelyn (Mrs Joseph Fedorka) of Co. Bluffs and Marita (Mrs Charles Heese) of Parkville, Mo.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's church in Portsmouth on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1977 with Rev. Vincent Rosonke as celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery with Raymond Buman, Ulrich Rosman, Donald W. Buman, Ludwig C. Buman, Louis G. Rosman and Kenneth J. Buman serving as pallbearers.

An honor guard was provided by the V.F.W. Post No. 941 of Harlan and the John Ohlinger American Legion Post No. 547 of Portsmouth. Graveside Military Rites were conducted by the John Ohlinger American Legion Post No. 547 of Portsmouth.