

Joseph J. Leinen, 80

Portsmouth — Joseph Peter Leinen, son of Peter M. and Anna Ohlinger Leinen, was born Feb. 6, 1902 on a farm southeast of Portsmouth. He was baptized, received his First Communion and confirmation at St. Mary's Catholic church and attended St. Mary's Catholic school, both in Portsmouth. After graduating from the eighth grade, he grew to adulthood helping on the family farm.

On Jan. 13, 1925, he married Caroline Stinn at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed various farms in the Portsmouth area until settling on a farm north of Portsmouth. This has been their home for the past 40 years. During this time, he served as one of the original Hospital trustees from 1950 to 1972. He was a trustee for St. Mary's parish for 22 years and the Cass twp. Assessor for 36 years. He was also involved in the baseball program at Portsmouth for 25 years.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church in Portsmouth and also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Earling Council No. 1741. He died at Mercy hospital in Co. Bluffs, Tuesday, July 29, 1982, at the age of 80 years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Herman, and three sisters, Martha, Melania and Laura; four half brothers, Mike D., Constant H., Nick and Peter Leinen and three half sisters, Sr. Revokata, O.S.F., Lena and Catherine.

Survivors include his wife, Caroline of Portsmouth; four sons, Donald of Portsmouth, Bernard of Panama, Richard of Portsmouth and Joseph, Jr., of Co. Bluffs; one daughter, Virginia (Mrs Bob) Reinig of Portsmouth; 21 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; three brothers, Zeno of Portsmouth, Andrew of Spencer, and Francis "Red" of Portsmouth; six sisters, Rose (Mrs Louis) Raymond of Portsmouth; his twin sister, Ann Rattenborg of Fargo, N.D., Eva Gubbels and Clara (Mrs Ernie) Petersen, both of Harlan, Margaret (Mrs Al) Mester of Los Angeles, Calif. and Modesta (Mrs Claude) Green of Spencer; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic church in Portsmouth on Friday, July 2, 1982 with the Rev. Vincent Rosonke as celebrant and the Rev. Edward Kelly and Msgr. Michael W. Schwarte as concelebrants.

Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery with Gary Leinen, Steve Leinen, Tim Leinen, Rick Leinen, Larry Reinig and Duane Reinig as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home of Harlan handled the arrangements.