

Paul R. McDermott, 57

Portsmouth — Paul Richard McDermott, son of John and Zoa Green McDermott was born Jan. 1, 1925, on a farm near Woodriver, Neb. He was baptized, received his First Communion and confirmation at St. Mary's Catholic church in Woodriver. He attended the Woodriver community school, graduating from high school there. He then went on to Creighton Univ. in Omaha, Neb., for one year and the Kansas City Conservatory of Music for another year. After school, he farmed the family farm for a few years before moving to Calif., where he was employed at an airplane factory. A few years later, he moved to Omaha, Neb., where he worked as an insurance adjuster for the next ten years.

On April 7, 1958, he married Charlotte Kleffman at St. Francis Xavier Catholic church in Co. Bluffs. Four children were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home in Co. Bluffs. In 1966, they moved to a farm two miles east of Portsmouth and Mr McDermott was then employed by the Cox Grain Co. and later for Farm Service Co-op. For the past six years, he has farmed their farm near Portsmouth.

Mr McDermott was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church in Portsmouth. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital, Harlan, on Friday, Aug. 20, 1982 at the age of 57 years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Philip J. McDer-

mott on Sept. 7, 1977. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte of Portsmouth; one son, Richard, living at home and two daughters, Diane and Ann Marie, both living at home; three brothers, John of Denver, Colo., Merle of Grand Island, Neb. and Raymond of Medford, Oreg.; one sister, Helen (Mrs George) Ludvik of Ithaca, Neb.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan on Monday, Aug. 23, 1982 with the Rev Vincent Rosonke as celebrant and the Rev. James Kleffman and the Rev. Fred Reischl as concelebrants. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery in Portsmouth with Tom Grote, Ray Pitsch, Ted Sondag, Larry Weihs, Gene Lefeber and Richard Mikels serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan handled the arrangements.

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McDERMOTT — Executor of the Dec. 8, 1962 will of Paul R. McDermott, deceased, is Charlotte E. McDermott, Rt. 1, Portsmouth.

*Funeral held in Harlan due to work being done on
Portsmouth Ia church -
Probate # 29-277-10086
Shelby Co., Iowa*

IN MEMORY OF

PAUL R. McDERMOTT

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Died - August 20, 1982

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Harlan, Iowa

Monday, August 23, 1982
10:30 a.m.

Clergyman

Rev. Vincent Rosonke

Casket Bearers

Tom Grote
Ray Pitsch
Ted Sondag

Larry Weihs
Gene Lefeber
Richard Mikels

Interment

St. Mary's Cemetery
Portsmouth; Iowa