

## Victor A. Barta, 84

Oct. 16, 1912 --Jan. 8, 1997

**PERSIA** - Victor A. Barta, son of Joseph F. and Antonia (Koutick) Barta, was born Oct. 16, 1912, at Linwood, NE. He was baptized at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Abie, NE. He attended Linwood Public School and Schuyler High School, graduating in 1930. After high school, he attended business college in Grand Island, NE.

March 17, 1936, he married Helen Dolezal at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Bruno, NE. They became the parents of five daughters. He was a lifelong farmer in the Linwood and Mead, NE areas, and also drove a school bus for the Mead Public School for 13 years. After retiring Dec. 4, 1974, they made their home in Persia and this has been their home since that time. While a resident at Mead, he was a member of St. James Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Since making his home in Persia, he has been a member of St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth. He was honored to have been able to attend his 50 year high school class reunion, and they were privileged to have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in March of last year. He died Jan. 8, 1997, in Ames, NE, at age 84 years, two months and 23 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers and sisters, Rudolph Barta, Emma Novak, Vlasta Banks, James Barta, Joseph Barta, Emil Barta, Blanche Donovan and Clarence Barta. He is survived by his wife, Helen Barta of Persia; his children, Joyce (Wallace "Wally") Polak of Bellevue, NE; Janice (Duane) Blowers of Ames, NE; Judi (Donald) Feekin of Co. Bluffs; Jacki Feige of LaVista, NE and Jerri (Max) Handbury of Persia; 22 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren; his sisters-in-law, Frances Barta of Omaha; Kathryn Allen of Valley, NE and Louise Barta of Boulder, CO; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 11, 1997, at St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth with Rev. Paul Bianchi celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth, with John Blowers, Jennifer Kosmacek, Kim Polak, Jason Blowers, Elizabeth Pooley, Tim Feekin, Jeffrey Blowers, Craig Handbury, Debbie Kerr, Joseph Blowers, Amy Handbury, Renee Feekin, Jerome Blowers, Mary Jeanetta, Denise Sellers and Lori Bonner honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Michael Polak, Randy Polak, James Blowers, Steve Feekin, Michael Feige and Matthew Handbury. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.