

Marcus Bruck, 84

June 22, 1923 - Jan. 7, 2008

PORTSMOUTH — Marcus

John Bruck, son of William and Clara (Windeshausen) Bruck, was born on June 22, 1923 in Portsmouth, IA and was the sixth of nine children. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Our Lady Fatima in Portsmouth and attended school in Tennant and Harlan. After school, he worked for area farmers. September 4, 1942, he joined the United States Navy as an apprentice seaman and trained at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Great Lakes, IL. He served on the USS Retort and the USS Upshur before being honorably discharged on September 26, 1945.



August 26, 1944, Marcus was united in marriage to Helen Magdalene Graf at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Norfolk, VA. Six children were born to this union: William, Jan, Mary, Bruce, Craig, and Kevin. After Mark was discharged from the Navy, he and Helen made their home in Harlan until 1945 when they moved to Portsmouth and started farming and raising their children. When Marcus was not busy in the fields, he enjoyed playing cards with his friends and family and visiting with his neighbors. He was also an active member of the American Legion Post No. 547 in Portsmouth. Marcus died on Monday, January 7, 2008, at Rose Vista Homes in Woodbine, IA, having attained the age of eighty-four years, six months, and sixteen days.

In addition to his parents, Marcus is preceded in death by one foster child, Rita Neeple; his brothers: Joe, Mike, Nick, and Neil and his sister Rita. He is survived by his wife Helen and their children: William (Bill) and his wife Darlene of Portsmouth; Jan Lasher of Harlan; Mary and her husband Darwin Gessert of Harlan; Bruce and his wife Karen of Portsmouth; Craig and his wife Tina of Persia; and Kevin and his wife Jodi of Charter Oak, IA; one foster child Theresa and her husband Bob Schroeder of Carroll, Iowa; fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; his brother Bill and his wife Millie of LaMotte, IA; two sisters: Helen Langenfeld of Spencer, Iowa; and Clara and her husband Richard Carroll of Harlan; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many, many friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, January 11, 2008, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, IA. Rev. John Dorton was the celebrant and Rev. Don Bruck the concelebrant of the 10:30 AM funeral. Serving as casket bearers were Tyler Bruck, Marcus Bruck, Jr., Brent Bruck, B. J. Bruck, Ryan Gessert, Todd Bruck, Brian Lasher, and Jamie Lasher. Military rites were held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth by the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 and the Portsmouth American Legion Post No. 547.

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