

Andrew Gau, 88

Nov. 11, 1902 - Sept. 10, 1991

PORTSMOUTH - Andrew Mathias Gau, son of Arnold and Anna (Leinen) Gau, was born Nov. 11, 1902, on a farm near Portsmouth. He was one of six children in the family. "Dick", as he was known, was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth and attended St. Mary's Catholic School.

Dec. 30, 1924, he married Hazel Bendon at Portsmouth. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in Cass twp. He was also a good carpenter, learning the carpenter trade from his father. He had built a new home on their farm near Portsmouth as well as many other buildings in the Portsmouth area. In April of 1988, he became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan, and it was there that he died Sept. 10, 1991, at age 88 years, nine months, and 30 days. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth, serving as usher for many years. They were privileged to have celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary last Dec.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Michael. Surviving him are his wife, Hazel of Portsmouth; three daughters, Donna (William) Buckley of Harlan; Dorothy (Jack) Wolf of Greenville, MI.; and Lois (Don) Rosenow of Tipton; two sons, Phil (Connie) Gau of Portsmouth and Dean (Micky) Gau of Woodbine; 18 grandchildren; 14 great-grand-



children; one brother, Arnold Gau of Wagner, S.D.; three sisters, Mary Bendon of Harlan; Pauline Howe of Kansas City, KS.; and Rita Barta of Omaha, NE., and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was concelebrated Sept. 13, 1991 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth with Rev. Guy Gau as the celebrant and Rev. Edward Kelly as the homilist. Concelebrating were Rev. Mike McLaughlin, Rev. Raymond Davern, Rev. Jim Buckley, and Msgr. Michael W. Schwarte. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery with Rev. Paul Monahan, conducting the services. Casketbearers were Ron Gau, Rick Gau, Dave Gau, Scott Gau, Jeff Wolf, Craig Rosenow, and Duane Buckley. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.