



## Philip Herkenrath, 77

Jan. 7, 1916 - Oct. 18, 1993

Portsmouth -- Philip Louis Herkenrath, son of John J. and Dolly (Whaley) Herkenrath was born Jan. 7, 1916 at Portsmouth. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth and attended St. Mary's School, graduating in 1934. After school, he worked in the Portsmouth drug store for Hugh Curran. He later worked for Ike Ohlinger in the Portsmouth Cafe.

Oct. 9, 1935, he married Helen Herbst at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. Eight children were born to this union. March 13, 1944, he entered the U.S. Army, serving his country during WWII. After his honorable discharge Sept. 26, 1945, he returned to Portsmouth, and in 1946, he and his wife purchased the business

from Mr. Ohlinger, naming it Phil's Cafe. They continued to operate the business until retiring in 1978 when they sold to Ronald Reinig. They have continued to make their home in Portsmouth since that time. He died Oct. 18, 1993 at the Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan at age 77 years, nine months and 11 days. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Portsmouth, the Portsmouth American legion Post #547 and the Shelby County V.F.W., Post #941 of Harlan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded by a son, Jimmie in 1939; two sisters, Bernice Rogers and Valara Gillette, and a brother Bernard "Bun" Herkenrath. He is survived by his wife, Helen of Portsmouth; his children, Philip Herkenrath, Jr.(Gen) of Neola; Darla Johnson of Stockton, CA; Richard (Karen) Herkenrath of Elk Horn, NE; Shari Belder of Oakland, CA; Linda (Nick) Bruck of Bettendorf; John J.(Mary) Herkenrath, II of Fremont, NE; and Jane (Audeh) Malley of Phoenix, AZ; 19 grandchildren, six great grandchildren; two sisters, Aurelia Spears of San Jose, CA and Bonnie (Dane) Peterson of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 20, 1993 at St. Mary's Catholic church in Portsmouth with Rev. Paul Monahan celebrant and Msgr. Michael Schwarte concelebrating. Military rites were conducted at St. Mary's cemetery in Portsmouth by the Portsmouth American Legion, Post #547. Casket bearers were his grandsons Dan Bruck, J.J. Herkenrath, Phil Belder, Hassan Malley, Mark Herkenrath and Michael Johnson. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.