

Norbert Kleffman, 81

Dec. 7, 1921 - Oct. 10, 2003

HARLAN – Norbert Anthony Kleffman, the son of John and Frances Rau Kleffman, was born Dec. 7, 1921, on his parents' farm in Portsmouth, one of 10 children born to John and Frances. Norbert was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth, and attended school at St. Mary's Catholic School. He grew to adulthood on his parents' farm. After his completion of school, he helped his father farm a couple hundred acres. When his parents retired and moved to Council Bluffs, Norbert remained on the family farm. During the winters, he would go to Council Bluffs and take care of his parents. While he was in Council Bluffs, he gained employment at Swanson's Packing Company in Omaha, NE. He retired and moved into Harlan in 1982. He died Oct. 10, 2003, at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, NE, at age 81 years, 10 months and three days.



In addition to his parents, Norbert was preceded in death by his brothers, Ralph, Harold, Walter and Richard; a sister-in-law, Kathleen Kleffman; and a brother-in-law, Paul McDermott. Survivors include his brothers and sisters, Charlotte McDermott of Harlan; Harry Kleffman (Cecilia) of Harlan; Alice Kleffman of Harlan; Mary Ann (Leon) Schueller of Dawson, MN; Rev. James Kleffman of Council Bluffs; sisters-in-law, Helen Kleffman of Portsmouth and Monica Kleffman of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Oct. 14, 2003, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Rev. James Kleffman and Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrants. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth, with Paul Kleffman, Ronald Kleffman, John Kleffman, Rich McDermott, Dave Kleffman and Doug Schueller casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.