



Robert Lee Lefeber, 52

March 3, 1941 — July 24, 1993

PORTSMOUTH — Robert Lee Lefeber, the son of John and Emma (Leinen) Lefeber was born March 3, 1941 on the family farm near Portsmouth. He died July 24, 1993 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan as a result of a traffic accident near Portsmouth at age 52 years, 4 months and 21 days. He grew to adulthood on his family's farm and was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. He attended school at St. Mary's and graduated in 1959. After graduation, he continued working on the family farm until 1961, when he joined the U.S. Army and served his country during the Vietnam War. In 1963, he returned home and resumed farming the family farm.

April 11, 1964, he married Irene Kramer at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home on the Lefeber family farm.

During his years as a farmer, he also worked with Schechinger Seed. He was a member of the Portsmouth American Legion John Ohlinger Post #547, Knights of Columbus, Earling Council #1741, the R.E.C. Board for 18 years and a Trustee of the Cass Township cemetery and a lifetime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth.

He was preceded in death by his father and is survived by his wife, Irene of Portsmouth; 2 daughters, Jackie (Jon) Harvey of Papillion, NE., and Michele of North Chicago, IL.; 3 sons, Thomas (Janet) of Harlan; and Scott and John, both of Portsmouth; 2 grandchildren; his mother, Emma Lefeber of Portsmouth; 4 brothers, Russell (Dorothy) of Harlan; Eugene (JoAnne) of Portsmouth; Richard (Stella), Portsmouth; Ernest (Shirley) of Harlan; 2 sisters, Margie (Ray) Gordon of Dow City; and LaVonne (Paul) Jensen of Co. Bluffs; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated July 27, 1993 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth with Rev. Paul Monahan, celebrant and Msgr. Edward Kelly, Msgr. Michael Schwarte, Rev. Mike McLaughlin and Rev. Joseph Kula, concelebrating. Military rites were conducted at St. Mary's cemetery in Portsmouth by the Portsmouth American Legion John Ohlinger Post #547. Casketbearers were Eugene Lefeber, Ray Dean Gordon, Richard Lefeber, Russell Lefeber, Paul Jensen, and Ernest Lefeber. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.