

Harold M. Leinen, 76

Oct. 14, 1921 - Dec. 10, 1997

PORTSMOUTH - Harold Michael Leinen, son of Peter F. and Mary (Thielen) Leinen, was born Oct. 14, 1921 at Portsmouth. He attended St. Mary's School in Portsmouth, and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. July 14, 1942, he entered the United States Navy, serving his country during WW II. After his honorable discharge Dec. 12, 1945, he returned to the Portsmouth area to farm, and has made this his lifelong occupation. He retired in the early 80's and has lived in the Senior Citizen Apartments since 1992. He has been a lifelong member of St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, a member of the volunteer fire department and a member of the American Legion John Ohlinger Post No. 547. He died Dec. 10, 1997, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 76 years, one month and 27 days.



In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Helena Elbert, Barbara Goodman and an infant sister; two brothers, Matt Leinen and Louis Leinen. Survivors include his sisters, Agnes Hodapp of Westphalia; Anna Kenney of Littleton, CO; Evelyn Long of Coon Rapids; Rosemary Laing of Algona and his brother, Lawrence Leinen (Margie) of Yutan, NE; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 13, 1997, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth with Rev. Paul Bianchi celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth, with Jim Hodapp, Phil Hodapp, Dave Hodapp, Rich Hodapp, Frederick G. Long, Jr. and Randy Faber casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.