

Michael P. Mickels, 80

PANAMA - Michael Peter Mickels, the son of Nicholas and Christena (Muell) Mickels was born near Panama, Dec. 2, 1907. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital, Harlan, Feb. 29, 1988 at age 80 years, two months and 27 days. He was baptized, received his First Communion, and was confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama and attended St. Mary's School in Panama.

Sept. 2, 1930 he married Irmine Schafer at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. He operated a gas truck for Panama Oil Co., and farmed near Panama. He entered the U.S. Army, Feb. 7, 1944 serving his country during WW II as an auto equipment operator. After his honorable discharge, he returned to the Panama area. He retired from farming in 1970 and moved into Panama. On Oct. 8, 1985, he became a resident of Little Flower Haven in Earling. He was a life long member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph. He is survived by one brother, John of Panama; three sisters, Isabel (Mrs Leo) Sonntag of Harlan; Marian (Mrs Lavern) Klein of Harlan and Lorena Gubbels of Westphalia; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated March 2 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Panama, with Rev. Larry Beeson as the celebrant and Rev. Vince Ohlinger as the concelebrating priest. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Panama, with Ron Mickels, Gail Klein, Eddie Stephany, Gerald Sonntag, Denny Hagen, and Marvin Sonntag serving as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.