

## Cecil A. Monahan, 76

**PORTSMOUTH** — Cecil Andrew Monahan, son of Leo A. and Theresa M. (Leenan) Monahan, was born March 27, 1911 at Hospers, IA. He died at Bergan Mercy hospital in Omaha, NE, Nov. 19, 1987, at age 76 years, 7 months and 23 days.

He was baptized at the Catholic Church at Hospers and as a young child moved with his parents to Portsmouth. He received his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Portsmouth where he graduated with the class of 1929. After school, he went to work at his dad's oil station.

May 17, 1932, he married Anna Emma Ohlinger at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. Two sons were born to this union. After they were married, they made their home in Portsmouth, where he continued to work at Monahan Oil. During WW II, they moved to Omaha, where he worked at the Martin Bomber plant. After the war, they returned to Portsmouth. In 1948, he and his brother purchased Monahan Oil from their dad. Together they operated Monahan Brothers Oil Company for 15 years. In 1963, he sold his interest in the oil business to Cyril and then purchased a grocery store in Portsmouth. He and his wife operated the grocery store for two years before moving to Harlan in 1965. While in Harlan, he worked as a sales clerk for various businesses. After his wife's death, he continued to live in Harlan until this past June when he moved to the New Cassel Retirement Center in Omaha. This has been his home since that time. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth and Knights of Columbus Council No. 1741 of Earling. He also enjoyed playing town team baseball and the piano.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife. He is survived by two sons, The Rev. Paul Monahan of Co. Bluffs; and Phil of Omaha; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; one sister, Roseann (Mrs Francis) Cahill of Omaha; and one brother, Cyril of Earling; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was con-celebrated Nov. 23, 1987 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Portsmouth, with The Rev. Paul Monahan as the celebrant and The Rev. William H. Bullock, Bishop of the Des Moines Diocese as the presidor. Con-celebrating priests were Rev. Lawrence Beeson, Rev. Bud Grant and Rev. David Polich with Deacon Pat Davitt and the Priests of the Des Moines Diocese in attendance. The final commendation was given by The Most Rev. William H. Bullock. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Portsmouth, with Neil Monahan, Kenneth Monahan, Neil Feser, Richard Ohlinger, LaVern Ohlinger and Francis Cahill serving as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.