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Hugh T. Mulligan, 79

July 20, 1912 - May 2, 1992

DEFIANCE - Hugh Thomas Mulligan, son of John and Elizabeth (Watkins) Mulligan was born July 20, 1912 on a farm near Shelby. He died at Mercy Hospital in Co. Bluffs, May 2, 1992, at age 79 years, 9 months and 12 days. He was baptized, received his First Communion, and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. As a young boy he attended school at Tennant. He later moved with his parents to a farm near Kirkman. He then attended school at Kirkman and graduated in 1932. After school he worked for

area farmers until 1939, when he moved to a farm south of Defiance, and started farming on his own.

Feb. 14, 1942, he married Dorothy Plagman at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Three children were born to this union. After they were married, they farmed his farm south of Defiance. In 1977, they retired from farming but they continued to live there until Dec. 3, 1988, when they moved into Defiance. This has been their home since that time. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance; the Holy Name Society; and was a F.H.A. board member for several years, and was also active in 4-H.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, llo Rose Jensen and one brother, Sheridan Mulligan. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Defiance; two sons, James (Sheryl) of Gladstone, MO., and Richard (Diane) of Defiance; one daughter, Judy (William) Stuck of Omaha, NE.; 9 grandchildren; one brother, John Mulligan of Manilla; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated May 5, 1992, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance with Rev. Dennis Trausch celebrating. Concelebrating was Rev. Edward Kelly of Harlan and Rev. Gerald Deere of Co. Bluffs. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul cemetery in Defiance with Harold Rau, Merrill Stolz, Jack Kirschbaum, Albert Schwarte, Jerome Rauterkus, and Valen Christensen casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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