

## John H. Ohlinger, 82

March 16, 1920 - Aug. 28, 2002

**PORTSMOUTH** - John Henry Ohlinger was born to Margaret (Leinen) and Peter J. Ohlinger March 16, 1920, on a farm near Portsmouth. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church and was a member of the St. Mary's Graduating Class of 1938 of Portsmouth.

April 17, 1945, he married Rita Reinig at St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. To this union 10 children were born. John was a lifelong farmer and remained on the farm until moving to Portsmouth in 1981. An active member of St. Mary's Church, he was notably one of the founding members of the St. Mary's Church Choir and caretaker of the St. Mary's Cemetery for over 21 years. Additionally, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus Msgr. Joseph Sondag Council No. 12193 of Portsmouth. He coached various sports and was the "voice" of Portsmouth Town Team Baseball for many years. He served on the Shelby County Extension Council, Shelby County Crime Stoppers, participated in the German Colony Tours, was a member of the Shelby County Historical Society and was a member of "Writers Bloc". He died Aug. 28, 2002, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 82 years, five months and 13 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Stephen Donald Ohlinger; one grandson, Joseph Frank Ohlinger; brothers, Ernest, Peter, Leo and Alfred Ohlinger; and sisters, Emma Monahan and Mary Ann Feser. He is survived by his wife, Rita Ohlinger of Portsmouth; children, Marilyn (Bob) Zotti of Bellevue, NE; Carolyn (Larry) Hein of Alford; Jane (Gary) Book of Manson; Emily Ryan of Omaha, NE; John Ohlinger of Ottumwa; Richard Ohlinger (Mary) of Portsmouth; Rose (Tom) Bruck of Avoca; Alice (Lonny) Janecek of LaVista, NE and David Ohlinger (Bev) of Portsmouth; 24 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Madeline Ohlinger of Omaha, NE; brother-in-law, Floyd Feser of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Aug. 31, 2002, at St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, with the Rev. Paul Bianchi celebrating and the Rev. Paul Monahan concelebrating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery with grandchildren and great grandchildren honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were John's grandsons, Brian Hein, Dan Kohl, Brad Hein, Scott Ryan, Tim Book, John Ryan, Rick Ohlinger, Chad Bruck and Brett Ohlinger. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

