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Edward Rosenthal, 94

PORTSMOUTH - Edward Rosenthal, son of John and Rosalia (Zimmerman) Rosenthal, was born April 29, 1893 at Westphalia. He died March 25, 1988 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan at age 94 years, 10 months and 27 days. He was baptized, received his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church at Westphalia. He attended grade school at Westphalia and at the age of 11 he went on to attend Campion High School at Prairie Duchesen, Wl. After high school, he attended St. Ambrose College at Davenport and graduated in 1914 and later attended St. Mary's Seminary at Baltimore, MD, for a short time. In 1917, he returned to the Shelby county area and worked as a painter and electrician.

On March of 1919, he married Susan Sondag at St. Mary's Catholic Church at Portsmouth. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, they lived in Portsmouth, Fremont, Nebraska and Co. Bluffs. He worked as an insurance salesman, real-estate agent, town clerk and assessor. After the death of his wife in 1944, he went to work as a state tax auditor and later for the state liquor commission. He managed the Pathfinder Hotel in Fremont, NE for many years. He retired in 1975 and lived in Portsmouth until 1979. He made his home at the Little Flower Haven in Earling until the time of his death.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Portsmouth.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Joe and five sisters, Josephine, Anna, Mary, Minnie and Rose. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs Rosemary Lajba of Omaha; and Charlotte (Mrs Eugene) Stewart of Harlan; one son, Edward A. Rosenthal of Salem, OR; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 28, 1988 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth with Rev. Bud Grant as the celebrant, Msgr. Michael Schwarte as the concelebrant and they were assisted by Deacon Pat Davitt. Burial was in the St. Mary's cemetery, Portsmouth with Dale Plagmann, Jerry Schumacher, Leo Gaul, Richard Sondag, Gary Kohles and John Rosenthal serving as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.