

Patrick James Ratigan, 83

July 2, 1914 - May 15, 1998

PANAMA - Patrick James Ratigan, son of Michael and Catherine (Hannan) Ratigan, was born July 2, 1914, at Panama. He attended country school and grew to adulthood on the family farm. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, and has been a lifetime member.

He married Adeline Buckley at St. Mary's Catholic Church in 1936. They were the parents of six children. After their marriage, they farmed until 1949, when they moved into Panama where he drove the Skelly tank wagon and was engaged in general trucking. He later worked at Panama Oil Company and Farmer's Grain and Mercantile Company. From 1965 until 1982, he worked as the custodian for St. Mary's Parish in Panama. After his retirement, they continued to make their home in Panama until Feb. 6, 1998, when he became a resident of Little Flower Haven Nursing Home. He died May 15, 1998, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 83 years, ten months and 13 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his two sisters, Mary Schwarte and Helen Schwarte; an infant who died in 1916 and two brothers, Michael Dennis, Jr., who was declared missing in action during WW II, and Francis. He is survived by his wife, Adeline of Panama; two daughters, Janet Block of Bellevue, NE and Patty Ratigan of Panama; four sons, Jim (Bonnie) Ratigan of Omaha, NE; Gary Ratigan of Ankeny; Denny Ratigan of Yutan, NE and Tom Ratigan of Omaha; 19 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 18, 1998, by Rev. Michael Peters at St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Burial was held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama, with Patrick's sons, Jim, Tom, Gary and Denny Ratigan casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.