

Robert Reinig, 81

Jan. 25, 1923 - Jan. 16, 2005

PORTSMOUTH — Robert John Reinig, son of August and Mary G. Kenkel Reinig, was born Jan. 25, 1923, in Panama. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. He attended school and graduated from St. Mary's Catholic School in Panama. Robert entered into active service in the United States Navy Jan. 24, 1945, serving on a vessel in the Great Lakes and Kuhlul, Maui. He was honorably discharged in Minneapolis, MN, June 13, 1946.

Robert married Virginia Leinen April 20, 1948, at St. Mary's Chapel in Portsmouth. They were the parents of seven children, Larry, Duane, Marge, Lois, Sharon, Geri Ann and Ann. They were engaged in farming near the Portsmouth area. Robert was a member of St. Mary's Parish in Panama until 1941 when they became members of St. Mary's Parish in Portsmouth. He died Jan. 16, 2005, at his home near Portsmouth at age 81 years, 11 months and 22 days.

In addition to his parents, Robert is preceded in death by his two infant daughters, Geri Ann and Ann, as well as his sister, Rosemary, and his brother, August. Survivors include his wife, Virginia of Portsmouth; his children, Larry Reinig (Donna) of Omaha, NE; Duane Reinig (Linda) of Portsmouth; Marge Walsh of St. Louis, MO; Lois (Jim) Crawford of Portsmouth; Sharon (Terry) Kohles of Omaha, NE; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; brothers and sisters, Rita Ohlinger of Portsmouth; Theresa (Robert) Krupicka of Council Bluffs; Mary Slaven of Portsmouth; Cecilia Tunnell of Orville, CA; Catherine Schomers of Harlan; Tony Reinig (Mildred) of Harlan; Joe Reinig (Arlene) of Portsmouth; Alvin Reinig (Mildred) of Harlan; Alfred Reinig (Betty) of Kansas City, KS; and Donald Reinig (Joyce) of Hood River, OR; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 19, 2005, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, with Rev. Ben Kenkel celebrant and Rev. Leonard Kenkel concelebrant. Military rites were conducted in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth by the John Ohlinger Post No. 547 American Legion of Portsmouth. Honorary casket bearers were Desiri Wilwerding, Dana Walsh, Gina Crawford, Rachel Kohles, Renee Kohles, Lauren Kohles and Lisa Kohles. Casket bearers were Joe Walsh, Michael Pongruber, Paul Kohles, Brian Reinig, Rob Crawford, Chad Reinig, Scott Crawford and Nick Walsh. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

