

John A. Reisz, 86

June 29, 1910 - Jan. 3, 1997 ✓

DUNLAP - John A. Reisz was born June 29, 1910 in Chicago, IL to John Sr. and Marie (Gerlach) Reisz. The family moved to Minnesota where he started school and then moved to Panama where he attended Panama Catholic School. He then worked on his parents farm.

September of 1934 he married Sabina Stracke at the Catholic Church in Westphalia. They farmed in the area in 1945 they moved to a farm southeast of Harlan and in 1957 they purchased the farm southeast of Dunlap. She died in 1970.

Jan. 5, 1974 he married Eleanor Larsen in California. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, member of the Knights of Columbus, Pleasant Hill cemetery board, charter member of Harrison County Historical Society, was very active in Soil Conservation, trustee and on the election board of the Harrison Township. He died Jan. 3, 1997 at Clarkson Medical Center in Omaha at age 86.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, son Eldred (EJ) Reisz, daughter, Agnes Ketelsen, four brothers, Leonard, Joe, Carl and Frank and two sisters, Anna Mikels and Theresa Hastert. Survivors include his wife Eleanor of Dunlap; two daughters, Charlotte (Jim) Noble of Harlan and Cynthia (Greg) Sheehan of Kirkland, WA; two sons, Leonard and his wife and John's step-daughter Nancy of Modesto, CA and William of Mo Valley; another step-daughter, Barbara Larsen of Manteca, CA, two step-sons Ronald (Tiah) of Santa Rosa, CA and Richard (Connie) of Newark, CA, daughter-in-law Helen Reisz of Woodbine, and son-in-law Donald Ketelsen of Houston, TX, 28 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, two brothers Rev. Adam Reisz of Dunlap, and Walter (Mary Ellen) Reisz of Portsmouth, three sisters Marie (Clarence) Hastert of Co. Bluffs, Catherine Stinn of Panama, and Elizabeth (Norbert) Steffen of New Hampton.

Mass of Resurrection was held at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dunlap Jan. 6, 1997 with Fr. Howard Fitzgerald officiating. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill cemetery in Dunlap.