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John Stein, 86

PORTSMOUTH – John Peter Stein, son of Nick and Ann (Leuck) Stein was born July 17, 1903, near Portsmouth. He died Dec. 7, 1989 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan at age 86 years, four months and 20 days.

He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth, attended Cass Township No. 3 School and St. Mary's School, and grew to adulthood on his parents farm. On Nov. 11, 1924, he married Helen Daeges at St. Mary's Church in

Portsmouth. They were the parents of three children. After their marriage, they farmed near Portsmouth until he retired from farming in 1969. In Oct., 1988, they moved into Portsmouth and they were privileged to have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in Nov. of 1989. This had been his home until March 22, 1989 when he became a resident of Little Flower Haven in Earling.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Peter, Mike, William and Joe; and five sisters, Margaret, Susie, Rose, Bernadine and an infant sister, Mary. Surviving him in addition to his wife, Helen of Portsmouth are two sons, Richard and Russel both of Omaha; a daughter, Cindy Chamberlain of Omaha; three grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Dec. 9, 1989 at St. Mary's Catholic Church Portsmouth with Rev. McLaughlin as celebrant. Msgr. Michael W. Schwarte, Rev. Bob Chamberlain and Rev. Edward Kelly concelebrated assisted by Deacon Pat Davitt. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery with Bob Stein, Ray Stein, Dick Sachs, Dick Sachs, Elmer Rath, Vern Daeges and Chuck Theulen as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.