

Frank A. Gessert, Jr. 74

Harlan — Frank Augustine Gessert, Jr., son of Frank A. and Catherine Michaliski Gessert, Sr., was born July 19, 1906 in Marshall, Wisc. At age 5, he moved with his family to Tennant, where he attended school. They later moved to Portsmouth.

On Febr. 15, 1931, he married Cecelia McLaughlin in Portsmouth. Two sons were born to this union. After this marriage, they made their home in Portsmouth, where he worked for Shelby county as a caterpillar operator for 22 years. After Frank retired in 1977, they continued to live in Portsmouth until Febr. of 1980, when they became residents of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. He was a member of St. Mary's church in Portsmouth and a member of the Knights of Columbus, Earling Council No. 1741. He was the city marshal as well as a member of the Portsmouth Volunteer Fire Dept. for many years.

He died at Nebraska Methodist hospital in Omaha, Nebr., on Dec. 10, 1980 at age 74 years, 4 months and 21 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant son, Gerald and three brothers, Arnold, Ralph and Donald. Survivors include his wife, Cecelia of Harlan; his son, Eugene of Cape Girardeau, Mo., four grandchildren, Robert of Decatur, Ill., Laura Lea of Murry, Ky., Eugene Kelly of Fulton, Mo., and Stacey Ann of Capt Girardeau, Mo., eight sisters, Margaret McLaughlin of Walnut, Regina (Mrs. John) Waltz of Canby, Minn., Cecelia (Hubert), Zimmerman of Omaha, Nebr., Elvira (Mrs. Fred) Pauley of Portsmouth, Leona (Mrs. Jake) Waltz of Canby, Minn., Bernadina (Mrs. Glen) Hughes of Akron, Virginia (Mrs. Nick) Waltz of Canby, Minn., and

Catherine (Mrs. Lee) Rockwell of Logan, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's church in Portsmouth on Saturday, Dec. 13, 1980 with Rev. Vince Rosonke as celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery with Dick McLaughlin, Edward McLaughlin, Gerald Andersen, Michael Pauley, Ralph Gessert, and Donald S. Gessert serving as pallbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home, Harlan, Ia., handled the arrangements.