



**THE LIFE STORY OF —  
WALTER KLEFFMAN, 56  
PORTSMOUTH**

— Walter Jacob Kleffman, son of John and Frances Rau Kleffman, was born on a farm near Portsmouth, on Febr. 17, 1920. He was baptized and confirmed in St. Mary's Catholic church at Portsmouth and was a life time member of this church. Walter attended rural school and St. Mary's Catholic school at Portsmouth and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm one mile east and two miles south of Portsmouth. On May 27, 1941, he married Kathleen Pursell at St. Mary's Catholic church in Portsmouth. Four children were born to this union. After their marriage, he farmed for four years and then went into the trucking business at Portsmouth in the fall of 1947. In 1952 he began driving semi-trailer trucks to all parts of the United States, Canada and Mexico. He continued this occupation until he became ill while in Alaska in July of 1975. He has been retired and living at home since that time. Mr Kleff-

man was a past member of the Earling Council No. 1741 Knights of Columbus and had been a member of the Holy Name Society at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, on May 12, 1976 at age 56 years two months and 25 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Jeanie and a brother, Richard Kleffman. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, of Portsmouth; a daughter, Loretta Swanson of Phoenix, Ariz.; two sons, Ronald of Portsmouth and Neil of Ft. Myers, Fla. and by six grandchildren; by three sisters, Mrs Paul (Charlotte) McDermott of Portsmouth, Mrs Leon (Mary Ann) Schueller of Dawson, Minn., and Miss Alice Kleffman of Co. Bluffs and five brothers, Ralph, Harold, Norbert and Harry Kleffman of Portsmouth and Rev. James F. Kleffman, pastor of St. Peter's Catholic church in Co. Bluffs, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, brothers and sisters-in-law, cousins and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic church in Portsmouth on Friday, May 14, 1976 with Rev. James Kleffman as celebrant and Rev. Don Daleke, Msgr. Albert Davidsaver, Rev. Fred Reischl and Rev. Wm. C. Kleffman and Rev. Edward Kelly as concelebrants. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery with Don Koch, Ken Blum, Keith Blum, Rick Pursell, Paul Wingert and Ralph Kramer Jr. serving as pallbearers.