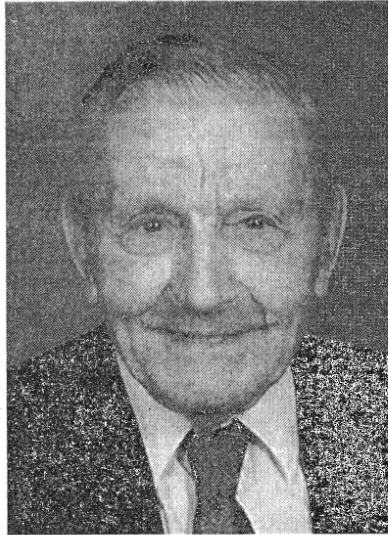


Nicholas Bruck, 91

Oct. 2, 1916 - Dec. 28, 2007

PORTSMOUTH — Nicholas Anthony Bruck, son of William and Clara (Windehausen) Bruck was born October 2, 1916, in Earling, IA. He was the second of nine children, and was baptized at St. Joseph Church in Earling. At the age of three he moved with his family to a farm northeast of Portsmouth. He received his First Holy Communion and was confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. He attended Country School and then St. Mary's Catholic School in Portsmouth. After school he worked on area farms and then was employed for awhile with the Civilian Conservation Corp in Moorhead, IA. On March 6, 1936, he joined the U.S. Navy and trained at the Great Lakes Naval Training Stations in Great Lakes, IL. He was then sent to the Pacific Fleet for duty, serving on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Lexington for two years. In 1938 he went to Submarine School in New London, CT, then served on Submarines U.S.S. Narwall and U.S.S. Nautilus for eight years.



On December 31, 1940, Nick married Alma Arkfeld at St. Patrick's Church in Honolulu, HI. March 9, 1946, after serving ten years, he received an honorable discharge from the Navy. He and Alma returned to Portsmouth and started farming and raising children. Nine children were born to this union: Nick, Ronald, Joyce, Robert, Richard, Joan, Jolene, Janet, and Randy. He died on December 28, 2007, at the Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, Iowa, having attained the age of ninety-one years, two months, and twenty-six days.

In addition to his parents, Nick is preceded in death by his wife Alma, daughter Joyce, brothers Joe and Mike, and sister Rita. He is survived by his children: Nick, Jr. and his wife Linda of Bettendorf, IA; Ronald Bruck and his friend Terri Fraser of Lincoln, NE; Robert and his wife Linda of Black Earth, WI; son-in-law, Jim Larsen of Newton, IA; Richard and his wife Laurie of Albion, NE; Joan and her husband Steve Ingram of Gretna, NE; Jolene and her husband Todd Roecker of Atlantic, IA; Janet and her husband Rick Guse of Omaha, NE; and Randy and his wife Julie of Portsmouth, IA; twenty-six grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren; brothers: Neil and his wife Amelia of Dubuque, IA; Mark and his wife Helen of Portsmouth, IA; and Bill and his wife Millie of LaMotte, IA; sisters: Helen Langenfeld of Spencer, IA and Clara and her husband Richard Carroll of Harlan, IA; nieces, nephews, other family members, and many friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth,

IA. Father John Dorton officiated the 10:30 AM service with interment at St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth. Serving as casket bearers were Nick Bruck, Jr., Benjamin Bruck, Robert Bruck, Ronald Bruck, Richard Bruck, and Randy Bruck.

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