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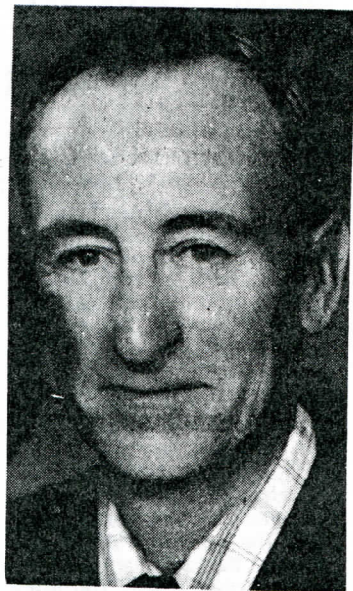
James Grote, 68

April 8, 1925 - Jan. 16, 1994

Portsmouth — James Joseph Grote, son of William and Julia (Lustgraaf) Grote was born April 8, 1925 at Neola. He died Jan. 16, 1994 at Jennie Edmundson Memorial Hospital in Co. Bluffs at age 68 years, nine months and eight days. He was baptized at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Neola and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. He attended various country and Catholic schools in the Neola and Portsmouth area. March 27, 1945, he entered the United States Army, serving his country during W.W.II as a cook. After his honorable discharge Nov. 16, 1946, he returned to the Portsmouth area.

April 16, 1947, he married Marie Rau at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth and the Portsmouth American Legion Post #547 where he was the adjutant for the 1981-1982 term. He was active with the Town Team baseball team and the girls summer softball team and donated equipment for the team when it was organized for the second time in 1969. He was a member of the Portsmouth Volunteer Fire Department and a Cass Township Trustee.

He was preceded in death by his mother, his wife Marie and a grandson, Nathan Bladt. He is survived by his father, William Grote of Earling; his children - Lloyd Grote of LaVista, NE; Linda (William) Anderson of Wheaton, IL; Mike (Mary) Grote of Portsmouth; Gloria Musich of Harlan; Kathleen (Melvin) Sporrer of Portsmouth; Leona (Daniel) Bladt of Shelby; GERALYN (Paul) Sachs of St. Augustine, FL; Marita (Jay) Heiman



of Co. Bluffs; and Maxine (Mark) Gaul of Sioux City; 20 grandchildren, one great grandchild; five brothers - Fred (Loretta) Grote of Harlan; Robert Grote and Thomas (Theresa) Grote of Portsmouth; Raphael (Margaret) Grote of Dunlap and LeRoy (Betty) Grote of Earling and a sister, Hilary (Pete) Gaul of Melbourne, FL; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Jan. 19, 1994 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth with Rev. Paul Monahan celebrant and Msgr. Michael Schwarte and Msgr. Edward Kelly and Rev. Cornelius Gaul concelebrating. Military rites were conducted at St. Mary's cemetery in Portsmouth by the Portsmouth American Legion, Post #547. Casket bearers were Todd Grote, Kenneth Schneider, Adam Grote, Jason Sporrer, Benjamin Grote and Kenneth Stein. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.