

Donovan C. Grap, 74

Nov. 8, 1927 - Jan. 17, 2002

PORTSMOUTH – Donovan Charles Grap was born to Viola Ida (McHenry) and Charles Otto Grap Nov. 8, 1927, at Persia. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Persia. He attended Persia Country Valley View School and was a graduate of Persia High School. Following graduation, he farmed until 1959. From 1960 to 1964, he drove for Petroleum Transport, and then was employed by the Milwaukee Motors Railroad from 1965 to 1976. He returned to farming near Portsmouth, retiring in 1990.

He married Carmella Pursell Aug. 27, 1977, at St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth. Following the wedding, the couple resided on a farm near Portsmouth. Donovan was a member of the Eagles Club of Council Bluffs, Local 554 of Council Bluffs and St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Church in Portsmouth. He died Jan. 17, 2002, at his home in Portsmouth, at age 74 years, two months and nine days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Norman. He is survived by his wife, Carmella Grap of Portsmouth; children, Cheryl (Pastor James) Gardner of Waterloo; Gayle Grap of Council Bluffs; Rodney Grap (Jenny) of Glenwood; Lee Ann (Robert) Knecht II of Council Bluffs; Allen Wingert (Colleen) of Neola; Barry Wingert of Council Bluffs; Wayne Wingert (Deb) of Denison; Peg (Alan) Birnley of Council Bluffs; and Paul Wingert (Lori) of Harlan; 22 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Lynn Grap (Leeta) of Persia; Jervaise (Herb) Binz of Hancock; Nancy (Richard) Powell of Missouri Valley; Mary (Howard) Beaman of Harlan; Arlon Grap (Venita) of Persia and Charles (Kenneth) Kemmish of Crescent; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 19, 2002, at St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, with the Rev. Dan Kirby officiating. Inurnment was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

