



Eugene "Gene" Powers, 79

Feb. 21, 1915 - Nov. 25, 1994

Harlan - Eugene Richard Powers, son of Richard and Mary (McAndrews) Powers was born on a farm near Portsmouth, in Harrison County, Feb. 21, 1915. He was baptized and confirmed in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth and attended country school. He grew to adulthood in the Portsmouth area helping his father and neighbors on the farm.

Nov. 3, 1936 he married Bernita Herbst at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. To this union one son

was born. He continued to work in this area until 1944 when he then became employed by the John Deere Tractor Co. of Waterloo as a machine operator. In 1976 he retired from the Deere Tractor Co., Jan. 1979 he and Bernita moved to Co. Bluffs before moving to their present home in Harlan in 1988. After retirement, he drove cars for various dealers in the Co. Bluffs area. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, Knights of Columbus Council No. 700 of Waterloo, UAW No. 838 of Waterloo. He died Nov. 25, 1994 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha at age 79 years, nine months and four days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and three sisters - Frances Trierweiler, Sara McLaughlin, Thomas Powers, and Jerome Powers. He is survived by his wife Bernita of Harlan; his son Ronald (Cecilia) Powers of Wood Dale, IL; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Nov. 28, 1994 at the St. Michael's Catholic church with Msgr. Edward Kelly, celebrant, assisted by Rev. Mr. Pat Davitt, officiating. Burial was in the St. Mary's cemetery, Portsmouth. Casket bearers were: Dan Herbst, Dick Herkenrath, Don Sondag, Bob McAndrews, Bob Powers and Dick McLaughlin. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.