

William Fuhs, 69

July 16, 1926 - July 10, 1996

PORTSMOUTH - William Jacob Fuhs, son of John and Kunigunda (Foxhoven) Fuhs, was born July 16, 1926 on a farm near Portsmouth on the Harrison/Shelby County line. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth and attended country school near Portsmouth. After school, he helped on the family farm.

May 4, 1953, he married Dolores Kramer at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. They became the parents of twelve children. After their marriage, they farmed on the Fuhs home place northwest of Portsmouth until retiring from farming in 1982. He then worked for a short time at Leinen, Inc. and G & R Feed & Grain at Portsmouth and Boyer Valley Rendering in Denison. He retired in July of 1988, and has continued to reside on the family farm since that time. He had served as a little league baseball coach at one time and also softball as well as umpiring little league games. He was a life long member of St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth and the Knights of Columbus, Earling Council #1741. He died July 10, 1996 at Myrtle Memorial Hospital just six days before his 70th birthday.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Sandra, June 26, 1960. Survivors include his wife, Dolores Fuhs of Panama; his children, John (Linda) Fuhs of Co. Bluffs; Janet (Joseph) Kohles of Ralston, NE; Randall Fuhs; Daniel (Janis) Fuhs all of Portsmouth; Carol (Eugene) Bissen and Richard Fuhs and his friend, Karla Moeller, all of Earling; Eugene Fuhs of Portsmouth; Donald (Dianne) Fuhs of Underwood; Cheryl Fuhs of Palm Beach, FL; Joan (Joseph) Gubbels of Panama; and Jill Fuhs and her fiancé, Brian Holloway of Tennant; 13 grandchildren; his sisters and brothers, Bernadine (Mark) Kenkel of Manilla; Mildred (Don) Goeser of



Co. Bluffs; Mary (Mark) Kramer of Earling; Rita (Ed) Schaben of Panama; Robert (Marge) Fuhs of Sacramento, CA; Patricia (Gerry) Smith of Saratoga, CA and Joe Fuhs of Omaha; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated July 13, 1996 at St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth with Rev. Paul Bianchi celebrant and Msgr. Michael W. Schwarte concelebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth with John Fuhs, Randall Fuhs, Daniel Fuhs, Eugene Fuhs, Richard Fuhs, and Donald Fuhs honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were J.D. Fuhs, Roger Kenkel, Jeff Kohles, Dave Kramer, Jake Fuhs, Ken Friesen, Randy E. Miller and Myron Schaben. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.