

## ✓ Henry Heller, 96

Feb. 10, 1903 - Nov. 15, 1999

**PORTSMOUTH** - Henry Bernard Heller, son of William and Mary (Book) Heller, was born Feb. 10, 1903, at Portsmouth. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. He lived at home with his parents until his father died Nov. 18, 1923, and his mother 30 days later, Dec. 19, 1923.

April 15, 1925, Henry married Frances Amelia Gubbels at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. Nine children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Portsmouth for five years and he worked part-time for the Fullerton Lumber Co. Aug. 5, 1930 he began at Standard Oil. In 1939 the service station and tire business was added. He retired in 1963, selling the business to his sons. After retirement he worked for Knapp Shoe Company from 1970 to 1980. Frances, wife of 57 years, died Aug. 18, 1979.

Aug. 14, 1982, he married Viola Ullrich of Persia. His home in Portsmouth was sold and he made his residence in Persia. Viola died Oct. 16, 1996, at which time he moved back to Portsmouth. He was a former mayor of Portsmouth and a member of the town council. He became a resident of the Dunlap Care Center for a short time and this is where he died Nov. 15, 1999, at age 96 years, nine months and five days.

In addition to his parents and wives, he was preceded in death by a sister, Katherine Schechinger, and a brother, John; two half brothers, Bill and Joe. He is survived by his children, Alvin (Ethel) Heller of Portsmouth; Elaine (Harold) Buckley of Panama; Mary (Robert) Finken of Earling; Richard (Barbara) Heller of Portsmouth; Rose Ann Schnuettgen of Harlan; Bonnie (Gene) Thielen of Denver, CO; Phillip (Doramae) Heller of Portsmouth; Darlene (Jim) Kenkel of Earling; Veral (Mary) Heller of Lawton; 33 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren, two step children, Richard (Pat) Ullrich of Anchorage, AK and Arlen (Joann) Ullrich of Logan; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 18, 1999, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church with Rev. Paul Bianchi celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth, with Ron Heller, Rog Heller, Bob Heller, Don Thielen and Paul Heller honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were John Heller, Steven Schnuettgen, Gary Heller, Mike Finken, Dennis Buckley and Jeff Kenkel. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

