

Zeno Leinen, 91

Jan. 25, 1907 - Nov. 21, 1998 ✓

HARLAN - Zeno Peter Leinen, son of Peter M. and Anna (Ohlinger) Leinen, was born Jan. 25, 1907, on a farm near Portsmouth. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, and attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Portsmouth.

Feb. 4, 1931, Zeno married Viola Schwery at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. To this union nine children were born. They lived on a farm in the Panama area until 1936, when they moved to a farm near Portsmouth. In 1940, they moved to the Peter M. Leinen homestead and continued to live there until 1977, when they retired and moved into Portsmouth. He was a member of St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, and a member of the Knights of Columbus, Earling Council No. 3900, for over 84 years. He was well known for building, ornamental outdoor rosaries and stars. He died at the Elm Crest Retirement Center Nov. 21, 1998, at 91 years, nine months and 27 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Linda Daoust; his son-in-law, Ralph Blum; his grandchildren, Lori and Francis Bruck; brothers, Joseph, Rose, Herman, Martha, Melania, Laura, Ann, Andrew, Francis (Red), Eva, Sister Revokata, Mike "MD", Constant "CH", Nick, Peter, Lena and Catherine. Survivors include his wife, Viola Leinen of Harlan; his daughters, Ursula (Mike) Bruck of Portsmouth; Eunice Blum of Panama; Verlee Leinen of Anchorage, AK; Mildred (Jerry) Brus of Denison; Zita (Gaylen) Smith of Portsmouth; his sons, Jim Leinen (Dorothy) of Denison; Orville Leinen (Kathleen) of Panora and Harvey Leinen (Charlotte) of Harlan; 32 grandchildren; 53 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren; his son-in-law, Mark Daoust of Atlantic; his sisters, Clara (Ernest) Petersen of Harlan; Margaret Mester of Los Angeles, CA and Modesta (Dett) Green of Spencer; sister-in-law, Dorothy Leinen of Earling, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Nov. 25, 1998, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima at Portsmouth, with Rev. Paul Bianchi celebrant with Rev. Michael McLaughlin and Rev. Michael G. Peters concelebrating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth, with Mike Bruck, Charlotte Leinen, Jerry Brus, Mark Daoust, Kathleen Leinen, Gaylen Smith and Dorothy Leinen honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Jim Bruck, David Smith, Brian Daoust, Roger Blum, Jeffry Leinen, Dan Leinen, Scott Leinen and Jerry Brus, Jr. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.