

## Cyril Monahan, 78

**May 10, 1915 - Jan. 17, 1994**

**Earling** - Cyril John Monahan, son of Leo and Theresa (Leenan) Monahan was born May 10, 1915 at Portsmouth. He died Jan. 17, 1994 at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 78 years, eight months and seven days. He was baptized, received his first communion and was confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. He attended St. Mary's High School and then mechanics school in Lincoln, NE. He then returned to work for his father in the Monahan Garage in Portsmouth.

November 17, 1936, he married Armella Gubbels at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Atlantic. They were the parents of two sons. In 1946, he operated the garage as Leo Monahan and sons until 1960 when he bought his brothers share of the business and named it Monahan Oil Co. He retired from the business in 1969, but continued to help his sons for many years as they operated Monahan Brothers Oil Co. After the death of his wife Jan. 10, 1977, he continued to make his home in Portsmouth.

Feb. 24, 1979, he married Marie Gross at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. They have made their home in Earling since that time. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, the Knights of Columbus, Earling Council #1741, the Iowa Petroleum Marketers, past board member of the State Bank of Portsmouth and the Western Iowa Stroke Club.

In addition to his parents and first wife Armella, he was preceded in death by a brother Cecil Monahan and a granddaughter Cathy Monahan. Survivors include his wife



Marie Monahan of Earling, two sons, Neil (Delores) Monahan of Portsmouth and Kenneth (Phyllis) Monahan of Harlan; seven grandchildren, five great grandchildren; Marie's children, Tim (Pat) Gross of Earling and Tecla (Terry) Bieker of Des Moines, Marie's eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren; a sister, Roseann (Francis) Cahill of Omaha, NE and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was concelebrated Jan. 20, 1994 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Paul Monahan celebrant and Rev. Chuck Kottas Homiist. Concelebrating was Rev. Ken Gross and Rev. Jon Kautzky. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery in Portsmouth with Kevin Gross, Gary Thielholdt, Kurt Monahan, Jeffrey Gross, Michael Monahan and Jeffrey Monahan casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.