

## Michael J. Mahlberg, 69

*May 15, 1932 - Feb. 18, 2002*

**PANAMA** – Michael John Mahlberg, son of Joseph and Vera (Downey) Mahlberg, was born May 15, 1932, in Panama. Mike was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama and graduated from St. Mary's Catholic High School in Panama. He was inducted into the United States Army Aug. 24, 1953, serving a total of two years, spending most of his time in Germany. He was awarded a National Defense Service Medal and an Army of Occupation Medal while in Germany.

He married Donna Hoffmann Jan. 9, 1960, at St. Mary of the Assumption in Panama. One child was born to this union, Mary Pat. Mike worked at the Panama Oil Company for 20 years and was a custodian at Ralston High School in Ralston, NE, for 20 years. Mike was a member of the American Legion Post No. 601 in Panama. He died at St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha, NE, Feb. 18, 2002, at age 69 years, nine months and three days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers and sister, Joseph, Walter and Maxine. He is survived by his wife, Donna of Panama; his daughter, Mary Pat Mahlberg of Council Bluffs; a brother, Pete Mahlberg (Jan) of West Valley City, UT; two sisters-in-law, Irene and Velma, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 21, 2002, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, with Rev. Michael G. Peters celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama, where military rites were conducted by the American Legion Post No. 601 of Panama, with Paul Stinn, Pat Hoffmann, Lynn Schmitz, Darrell Mahlberg, John Stinn, Kelly Mahlberg, Dave Mahlberg and Jim Mahlberg casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

