

Raymond Mikels, 86

June 30, 1918 – Sept. 16, 2004

PORTSMOUTH — Raymond George Mikels, son of Matt and Genevieve Fuhs Mikels, was born June 30, 1918, on a farm near Portsmouth. He was baptized, confirmed and a lifetime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. He attended country school east of Portsmouth and graduated from St. Mary's High School in Portsmouth. Ray was a lifelong resident of Portsmouth and farmed north of there until suffering a stroke in June of 1991. Due to ill health, he retired and became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, in September of 1991. In May of 1992, he entered the Salem Lutheran Retirement Home in Elk Horn and remained there until September of 1998 when he reentered the nursing home. Ray died Sept. 16, 2004, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 86 years, two months and 16 days.



In addition to his parents, Ray was preceded in death by his brothers, Edward and Alfred, and his sisters, Veronica and Eva. He is survived by his brothers and sisters, Delmar Mikels (Phyllis) of Portsmouth; Dolores (John) Hicks of Manhattan Beach, CA; Richard Mikels (Jeanette) of Portsmouth; his sister-in-law, Mae Mikels of Woodbine; and his brothers-in-law, Leonard Klein of Harlan and Jess Slaughter of Midland, TX; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 20, 2004, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, with Rev. John Dorton officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth, with Marv Leinen, Lyle Mikels, Dean Mikels, Tom Reinig, Galen Mikels and Kenny Klein casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.