

## Leonard Leo Reinig, 76

*Sept. 20, 1925 – Feb. 19, 2002*

**HARLAN** – Leonard Leo Reinig, son of John G. and Margaret (Schwery) Reinig, was born Sept. 20, 1925, in rural Panama. He was baptized and confirmed in St. Mary's Church in Panama. He attended Cass Township rural schools through the eighth grade, and then farmed for his father for several years. From May 9, 1945, through Nov. 3, 1946, he served his country in the U.S. Army. Following his military service, he returned to grain and livestock farming.

Sept. 1, 1956, Leonard married Rose Mary Schmiedeler at St. Joseph Church in Shawnee, KS. Six children were born to this union. They continued to live on the farm until moving into Harlan, December, 1981. He retired from farming in August, 1990. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church. He was also a member of the American Legion in Panama. He died Feb. 19, 2002, at Mrytue Memorial Hospital at age 76 years, four months and 30 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one brother, Jerome Reinig. Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Rose Mary Reinig of Harlan; six children, Joan (Ralph) Bruck of Portsmouth; Tom Reinig of Albuquerque, NM; Jim Reinig of Tucson, AZ; Teresa Reinig and her friend, Bryan Cisar, of Papillion, NE; Rita (Grant) Christensen of Omaha, NE and Ann (Scott) Mahlberg of Houston, TX; seven brothers and sisters, Gerald (Loanne) Reinig of Portsmouth; Helen (Kenneth) Mouser of Wellington, KS; Irene Reinig of Woodbine; Dr. Alice Reinig of LaJolla, CA; Clarence (Jann) Reinig of Portsmouth; Edward (Betty) Reinig of Panama and Margie Taylor of Arvada, CO; one sister-in-law, Sylvia (Donavon) Kepford of San Jacinto, CA; two grandchildren, Marc Christensen and Hannah Christensen, both of Omaha, NE, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Feb. 22, 2002, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Father Jack McClure, C.P.P.S. celebrant. Casket bearers were Joe Klein, Dave Reinig, Dean Gubbels, John Reinig, Mark Reinig and William Reinig. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. The Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.