

Joseph Carl Springman, 81

Aug. 5, 1937 - Aug. 28, 2018



PORTSMOUTH – Joseph Carl Springman, son of Nicholas and Anna (Kloewer) Springman, was born August 5, 1937 in Portsmouth. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth, where he remained a life time member. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School, graduating with the class of 1956.

On March 19, 1960, Joe was inducted into the United States Army, until he was transferred on September 18, 1960 to the United States Army Reserve. He served his country honorably until December 31, 1965.

On September 10, 1966, Joe was united in marriage to Arlene Buresh at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Council Bluffs. Four children were born to this union: Ramona, Johnny, Jimmy, and Sarah.

Joe began farming after high school and continued to actively farm until 1994. He also proudly took care of St. Mary's Parish from 1988 until his death. He took great pride in keeping the grounds well maintained and the hall and church in great order. Joe loved spending time with his family. He especially found joy in giving his grandkids and great grandkids rides on the 4-wheeler around the farm. He loved to talk about the crops and livestock over a nice cup of coffee. Joe's beard and bib overalls were known all around and he was always ready with a handshake and a smile.

Joe died surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, attaining the age of 81 years and 23 days. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Mary Ann Blum.

Joe has left to cherish his memory, his wife of 52 years Arlene Springman of Portsmouth; children Ramona Springman of Kimballton; Johnny Springman and his wife Susan of Portsmouth; Jimmy Springman and his wife Shari of Council Bluffs; Sarah and her husband Bryan Buckholdt of Underwood; 10 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; siblings Frankie and her husband Ray Anastasi of Harlan; Helen Miller of Harlan; Theresa Blum of Harlan; Nicky Springman of Portsmouth; Donny Springman of Harlan; nieces and nephews, other family members and many friends.

An 11 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. David Smith S.J. on Friday, August 31, 2018 at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima in Portsmouth. Danny Springman, Bobby Buresh, Timmy Springman, Jerry McCord, Mike Blum, and Justin McCord served as casket bearers. Military Rites were conducted by Portsmouth American Legion Post No. 547 at St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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