

Francis Wiese, 84 ✓

March 2, 1921 - March 28, 2005

PORTSMOUTH — Francis Julius Wiese, son of Frank and Margaret Haferbier Wiese, was born March 2, 1921, on a farm in Portsmouth. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth and attended Leland Grove Country School. He grew to adulthood on the family farm.

Francis married Shirley Waddell Sept. 1, 1953, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Council Bluffs. After their marriage, they made their home on his family's farm in Shelby County, south of Portsmouth. This had continued to be their home since that time. They were the parents of two children, Uzene and Merlyn. Shirley died Jan. 26, 1992. After her death, Francis continued to live on the farm. He retired from farming in 1994. He died March 28, 2005, at his farm in Portsmouth, at age 84 years and 26 days.

Francis was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Shirley. He is survived by his children, Uzene (Tom) Eckrich of Harlan; Merlyn Wiese (Sharon) of Granger; five grandchildren, Jeremy Krajicek, Chad Krajicek, Sabrina Krajicek, Merissa Eckrich, and Benjamin Wiese; one great-grandson, Isaiah; his sister, Bernice (Walter) Mordhorst of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 31, 2005, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth with Rev. John Dorton celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with George Wear, Jeremy Krajicek, Robert Pauley, Marlin Gubbels, Marvin Leinen, and Rick Newland casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan in charge of arrangements.