

# Rev. Msgr. N. A. Gaul, 85

**Portsmouth** — Nicholas Anthony Gaul, son of Nicholas and Susanna Friedman Gaul was born on a farm in Shelby county near Earling on April 16, 1893. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's church in Earling. He attended school and grew to adulthood in Earling. He then attended St. Ambrose College in Davenport and seminary at St. Mary's Mission House in Techny, Ill., Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., and St. Meinrad's Seminary in Meinrad, In.

He was ordained at Earling on May 29, 1920 and then served the following churches: St. Francis in Co. Bluffs, St. Boniface in Westphalia, St. Mary's in Lacona, Sacred Heart in Mondamin, St. Edwards in Afton and then served for 28 years at St. Mary's in Portsmouth. Papal Honors were conferred on March 4, 1959, in Rome, Italy. Msgr. Gaul was privileged to celebrate his Golden Jubilee on May 29, 1970, in Our Lady of Fatima church in Portsmouth.

He retired in Feb. of 1964 and became a resident of the Little Flower Haven in Earling. This has been his home since that time. Msgr. Gaul was a 3rd Degree Member of the Earling Council No. 1741, Knights of Columbus and was also a member of the 3rd Order of St. Francis. He died at Mercy hospital in Co. Bluffs, on Monday, Jan. 15, 1979 at age 85 years, 8 months and 29 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by six brothers - William, Johnie, Jacob, John, Theodore and Joseph; two sisters, Elizabeth and Sr. M. Lipharda; four nephews and two nieces. He is survived by two brothers - Peter and Paul Gaul of Earling; 36 nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's church in Portsmouth, on Thursday, Jan. 18, 1979, with Rev. Voncent Rosonke as celebrant; Rev. Hillary Gaul as homilist; the Rev. Cornelius Gaul, Rev. Paul Monahan, Rev. Robert Schoeman and Rev. Dick Gaul as concelebrants; and Most Rev. Maurice Dingman, Bishop of the Diocese of Des Moines gave the final commendation. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Portsmouth with Rev. Cornelius Gaul conducting the graveside services; Ivo, Ron, Ferd, Jack,