

# Michael D. Leinen, 86

**Portsmouth** — Michael Dionecius Leinen, son of Peter M. and Emma Hammes Leinen was born Feb. 26, 1895, on a farm near Portsmouth. He was baptized, received his First Communion and confirmation at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. He attended St. Mary's Catholic school and then helped on his parent's farm.

On Feb. 6, 1917, Michael married Flora Elizabeth Stinn at St. Joseph's Catholic church, Earling. Nine children were born to this union. After their marriage, the Leinens farmed southeast of Portsmouth. Mrs Leinen passed away on March 4, 1956 and Michael continued to farm until 1970, when after 53 years of farming, he semi-retired but continued to live on the farm.

Mr Leinen was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Catholic church, Portsmouth and also an honorary member of the Knights of Columbus, Earling Council No. 1741. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on April 29, 1981 at age of 86 years, 2 months and 3 days.

In addition to his wife and parents, Michael was preceded in death by one son, Marcus and one daughter, Rita Stein; two grandchildren, Eugene and Thomas Leinen and two great grandchildren, Jill Book and Kyle Fiscus; three brothers, Constant, Nick and Peter and two sisters, Lena Schoemaker and Catherine Leinen; one half brother, Herman Leinen and three half sisters, Melania Goetzinger, Laura Reid and Martha Reinig.

He is survived by two sons, Arthur of Co. Bluffs and Robert of Persia; five daughters, Luella (Mrs Ernest) Hendricks, Arlene (Mrs Joe) Reinig and Mary Ellen (Mrs Walter) Reisz, all of Portsmouth, Cleo Mae (Mrs Harold) Lefebber of Minden and Lois (Mrs Duane) Book of Fort Lupton, Colo.; 51 grandchildren and 39 great grandchildren; one sister, Sister Revokata O.S.F. of Rockford, Ill.; four half brothers, Joe and Zeno Leinen, both of Portsmouth, Andrew Leinen of Spencer and Francis "Red" Leinen of Portsmouth; six half sisters, Rose (Mrs Louis) Raymond of Harlan, Ann Rattenborg of Fargo, N.D., Eva Gubbels of Harlan, Clara (Mrs Ernie) Petersen of Harlan, Margaret (Mrs Al) Mester of Los Angeles, Calif. and Modesta (Mrs Claude) Green of Spencer; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic church, Portsmouth on May 2, 1981 with the Rev. Vincent Rosonke as celebrant and the Rev. Larry Hoffman, Rev. Edward Kelly and Rev. Adam Reisz as concelebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery with Dean Book, Phil Reisz, Ken Leinen, Jim Reinig, Bill Leinen, Robby Leinen, Gerald Stein, Steve Lefebber and Larry Hendricks serving as pallbearers.