

The Life Story of --

MIKE McLAUGHLIN, 71

Michael James McLaughlin, son of John and Margaret McLaughlin was born Sept. 29, 1903 in Portsmouth. He died at Mercy hospital in Co. Bluffs on Oct. 12, 1974, just 13 days after his 71st birthday. He grew to adulthood in the Portsmouth vicinity. On Dec. 27, 1927 he married Sara Powers in St. Mary's church there. Four daughters and three sons were born to this union. Mr and Mrs McLaughlin farmed in the Panama and Portsmouth communities until 1952. They then moved to Harlan and this has been their home since that time. Mr McLaughlin was employed at the Harlan Lumber Co. until his retirement two years ago. He was a member of St. Michael's church of Harlan and of the Knights of Columbus of Harlan.

He was preceded in death by one son, William; by a grandson, Bruce Talbott; by two brothers, John and Robert McLaughlin and by two sisters, Sister Mary Leo and Evelyn McLaughlin.

Mr McLaughlin is survived by his wife, Sara; by four daughters - Evelyn (Mrs Robert A. Talbott) of Co. Bluffs; Jerilyn (Mrs Gail Hess) of DeWitt, Ia.; Patricia (Mrs Robert Goeser) of Crescent and Janice (Mrs Michael Sargent) of Prior Lake, Minn.; by two sons - James of New Hampton, Ia., and Richard of Harlan, and by 16 grandchildren; by two brothers - Joe of Omaha, Nebr., and Leo of Clarinda, by three sisters - Miss Ann McLaughlin of Earling, Cecelia (Mrs Frank Gessert) of Portsmouth and Julia (Mrs Leo Sellen) of Carroll; by his nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, Oct. 14, 1974 with Rev Michael Sims as celebrant. The concelebrants were Rev Anthony J. Palmer, Rev Edward R. Kelly and Rev Richard Gubbels. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery in Portsmouth with Harold Hull, Jack Murray, Joe Maiwald, Walter Krantz, Duane Buckley and Michael Carney serving as pallbearers.