



THE LIFE STORY OF —

## Ralph and Alice Mickels

**Panama** — Ralph N. Mickels, son of Nicholas and Christena Muell Mickels, was born on a farm in Shelby county near Panama on March 21, 1920. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's church in Panama. He attended St. Mary's school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm.

Alice Madeline Mickels, daughter of Benedict C. and Katherine Kenkel Arkfeld, was born on a farm in Shelby county near Panama on April 11, 1921. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's church in Panama. She attended St. Mary's school and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm. She then taught school in Lincoln twp. for two years.

On Dec. 30, 1942, Ralph and Alice were married at St. Mary's church, Panama. Six children were born to this union. They made their home on the Mickels family farm, all their married life. They were privileged to celebrate their 37th wedding anniversary in Dec.

Ralph and Alice died as the result of an auto accident south of Denison on Monday, Feb. 4, 1980, ages of 59 and 58 respectively. They had both been life time members of St. Mary's church in Panama. Ralph was preceded in death by his parents. Alice was preceded in death by her mother.

Survivors include five daughters: Judy (Mrs Denny Hagen) of Cedar Falls; Jane (Mrs Larry Sak) of Prairie Village, Kans.; Marlene (Mrs Clark Graeve) of Willmar, Minn.; Lois (Mrs Ray Grinstead) of Ames; Betty, (Mrs Mark Lemko) of Indianola; a son, Rodney Mickels of Ames and seven grandchildren - David Hagen, Brian Sak, Paul, Anne and Trisha Graeve, Jill Grinstead and Kristin Lemko; Alice's father, Ben C. Arkfeld of Panama; Alice's sister - Alma (Mrs Nick Bruck) of Portsmouth; Ralph's brothers and sisters - Michael and John Mickels, of Panama; Isabel (Mrs Leo Sonntag) and Lorena Gubbels, of Harlan and Marian (Mrs Lavern Klein) of Dunlap, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's church in Panama, Friday, Feb. 8, 1980, with Rev. David Fenelon as celebrant and Rev. Fred P. Reischl, Rev. Michael Sims, Rev. Larry Hoffmann and Rev. Vincent Rosonke as concelebrants.

Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Panama with Don Muell, Gail Klein, Ron Mickels, Glen Gubbels, Marvin Sonntag and Edward Stephany as Ralph's pallbearers and Bob Bruck, Ron Bruck, Rick Bruck, Jim Larsen, Randy Bruck and Nick D. Bruck as Alice's pallbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of the services.