

Don Leinen, 80 ✓

Nov. 15, 1925 - May 30, 2006

PORTSMOUTH — Donald Peter Leinen, the son of Joseph and Caroline Stinn Leinen, was born Nov. 15, 1925, in Portsmouth. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. He attended school at St. Mary's Catholic School in Portsmouth, and was a member of the graduating class of 1943. Sept. 21, 1950, Don was inducted into the United States Army at Omaha, NE. He served his country during the Korean Conflict, where he earned three bronze stars. Don was honorably discharged Sept. 15, 1952, at Camp Carson, CO. After being discharged from the United States Army, he returned home to Portsmouth, where he began to farm. He was very active in the church. Don was a charter member of the Shelby County Museum, Portsmouth Centennial Member, a 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus of Portsmouth and a 4th Degree Member of the Luke E. Hart Assembly Knights of Columbus of Defiance and the American Legion Post No. 547 of Portsmouth. Don also served as a Township Clerk and Assessor as well as on the Conservation Board. He died May 30, 2006, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 80 years, six months, and 15 days.



In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Robert Reinig, and a nephew, Larry Reinig. Survivors include his sister and brothers, Virginia Reinig of Portsmouth; Bernard Leinen (Helen) of Harlan; Richard Leinen (Alma) of Portsmouth; Joseph Leinen, Jr. (Jeanette) of Council Bluffs; twenty-one nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated June 2, 2006, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth with Rev. John Dorton celebrant and Rev. Robert Hoefler concelebrant. Military rites were conducted in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth by the American Legion Post No. 547 of Portsmouth. Honorary casket bearers were Dave Leinen and Randy Leinen. Casket bearers were Gary Leinen, Dan Muell, Rick Leinen, Steve Leinen, Tim Leinen, and Duane Reinig. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.