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## Michael T. Leinen, 79

*July 13, 1920 - June 6, 2000*

**HARLAN** – Michael Theodore "Mick" "Red" Leinen was born July 13, 1920, to Anna (Sondag) and Michael E. Leinen at Portsmouth. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. He graduated from St. Mary's High School and later attended business school in Omaha.

Feb. 11, 1942, he married Ramona Slaven at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. To this union 13 children were born. A lifelong farm family, the couple made their home on a farm east of Portsmouth. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Msgr. Joseph Sondag Council No. 12193 of the Knights of Columbus and was a charter member of the Widows and Widowers group. He served on the school board, parish council, SCS and Conservation committees, the Mosquito Creek Watershed Committee, as well as, coaching several high school and junior high basketball teams, and Legion, midget and town baseball teams. He died June 6, 2000, at his home at the Westridge Apartments in Harlan, at age 79 years, ten months and 24 days.

In addition to his parents, Michael was preceded in death by his wife, Ramona in 1990; daughter, Mary Ramona in 1965; son, Richard in 1984; and sisters, Theodora Rosenthal, Rose Ann Slaven and Marita Bendon. He is survived by his children, Michael R. Leinen of Overland Park, KS; Jeanne (Don) Rohner of Evergreen, CO; Jane Leinen of Denver, CO; Janet Leinen of Denver, CO; Edward T. Leinen (Peggy) of Portsmouth; Allen Leinen (Jean) of Harlan; Martha (Thom) Burckhardt of Plano, TX; John Leinen (Randi) of Long Beach, CA; Tom Leinen (Lisa) of Golden, CO; Nick Leinen of Santa Marie, CA; Anne (Jed) Stramel of Carroll; 22 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; sisters, Augusta (Wesley) Stamp of Omaha, NE and Mary Margaret (Jack) Langer of Omaha, NE; brother, Paul J. Leinen of Portsmouth; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 9, 2000, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth, with Rev. Paul Bianchi celebrant and Msgr. Edward Kelly homilist. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth, with Patrick Leinen, Allen Leinen, II, Michael Leinen, Matthew Leinen, Steven Mueller, Dominic Leinen and Stephen Hunter casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

