

## Walter E. Wear, 88 ✓

April 21, 1909 - July 26, 1997

**PERSIA** - Walter Edward Wear, son of Frank and Nora (Powers) Wear, was born April 21, 1909 at Persia. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. He attended Leland Grove School and St. Mary's High School in Portsmouth.

Feb. 18, 1936, he married Cecilia M. Gayman at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Neola. To this union six children were born. They were lifetime farmers in Harrison County near Persia. Walter was active in community service organizations. He served on the Harrison County Fair Board, Persia Co-op Elevator Board, Persia Development Corporation and Improvement Club. He was a charter member of Mosquito of Harrison Watershed Board, Commissioner for Harrison County Soil Conservation District, Delegate for Harrison County Golden Hills Resource Conservation and Development, member of Harrison County Conservation and Recreation Board, a member of the Knights of Columbus and a lifetime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. He died at his home July 26, 1997, at age 88 years, three months and five days.

In addition to his parents, Walter was preceded in death by an infant son; his sister, Loyola Janes, and his brother, Francis Wear. Survivors include his wife, Cecilia Wear of Persia; his children, John Wear of Omaha; Charles Wear (Janice) of Gretna, NE; George Wear (Suzette) of Persia; Patricia Wear of Omaha and Mary Schafer (Ed) also of Omaha; his sister, Mary Briggs of Mo. Valley; 15 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 29, 1997, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, with Rev. Paul Bianchi celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery with Paul Wear, Kenneth E. Kozel Jr., Alan Wear, Michael Schafer, Michael Wear and Ed Schafer Jr. casket bearers.