

Leora Ellen Book, the daughter of William and Mary Hauptman Nilan was born on Oct. 31, 1912 in Shelby twp., Shelby co. She was baptized at St. Mary's Catholic church at Avoca and was confirmed and made her First Communion at St. Patrick's Catholic church in Walnut. She attended grade school in Walnut and later graduated from Harlan high school in Harlan. She then taught country school at Douglas twp., No. 1 in Shelby co. and also was a house keeper at St. Michael's Catholic church for a few months.

On July 24, 1933 she married Leo Book at St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan. Four children were born to this union. They spent most of their married life on a farm in Lincoln twp. They retired from farming in 1971 and moved into their new home in Harlan. After Leo's death on May 27, 1960 she continued to make her home in Harlan. For the past ten days she made her home at the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic church and St. Ann's Guild in Harlan. She died at the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan on Tuesday, Dec. 25, 1984 at the age of 72 years, 1 month and 24 days.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Leo. She is survived by two daughters: Helen (Mrs Don) Schleimer of Irwin and Yvonne (Mrs Delbert) Bruck of Harlan; two sons: Richard Book of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Robert Book of Atlantic; one sister: Leona Leuck of Harlan; 16 grandchildren and three great granddaughters; nieces; nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, Dec. 28, 1984 with the Rev. David Polich as the celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, Harlan, with Jim Book, Mike Book, Dave Book, Dan Book, Don Schleimer, Dan Kozz, Joe Ahrens and Brent Spies all serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.