

Eleanor C. Kloewer, 77

Panama — Eleanor Catherine Kloewer, the daughter of Michael and Mary (Lockman) Rau was born on a farm in Shelby County near Westphalia on May 1, 1902. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic church in Westphalia. She attended St. Boniface School and country school and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm.

On June 19, 1923, she was united in marriage to Gottlieb J. Kloewer at St. Boniface Catholic church in Westphalia. Ten children were born to this union.

After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Kloewer farmed in the Earling, Westphalia and Botna vicinities for a number of years. In 1938 they moved to Panama and this has been their home since that time.

After moving to Panama, Mr Kloewer worked for Shelby County for 22 years. Mr and Mrs Kloewer were privileged to celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary this past June.

Eleanor died at the Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Oct. 4, 1979 at the age of 77 years, five months and three days. She had been a long time member of St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Sewing Circle and Senior Citizens Club of Panama.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Donald G. Kloewer and a sister, Frances Kleffman. Her survivors include her husband, Gottlieb of Panama; two sons - James M. Kloewer of Panama and Louis Kloewer of Castle Rock, Wash.; seven daughters - Helen (Mrs Ralph Kleffman) of Portsmouth, Edna (Mrs John Sherrill) of Birmingham, Ala., Jane Kloewer of Panama; Donna (Mrs Joe Schwery) of Earling; Charlet (Mrs Jerry Connelly) of Omaha; Deanna (Mrs Gary Clark) of Harlan and Mary Ann (Mrs Dick Koch) of Sioux Falls, So. Dak.; 35 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by four brothers - Tony Rau of Earling, Frank Rau of Westphalia, Gilbert Rau of Portsmouth and Ray Rau of Harlan; a sister, Anna Kloewer of Defiance; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, 1979 with the Rev. David Fenelon as celebrant and the Rev. Vincent Rosonke as concelebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Panama, with Dan Kloewer, Dean Kloewer, Pat Schwery, John Schwery, Glen Kleffman and Ralph Kleffmann serving as casket-bearers.

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