

Emma Monahan, 69

Harlan — Emma Monahan, daughter of Peter J. and Margaret Leinen Ohlinger, was born on a farm in Shelby county near Portsmouth, on June 9, 1910. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's church in Portsmouth. She attended St. Mary's school and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm. She graduated from St. Mary's high school in 1928.

On May 17, 1932, she married Cecil Monahan at St. Mary's Church in Portsmouth. Two sons were born to this union. They made their home in Portsmouth where Emma was employed at the State Bank of Portsmouth and later the Post Office. They moved to Harlan in 1965 and this has been their home since that time. Emma worked at the Mode 'O Day shop in Harlan for several years after moving to Harlan. She died at the Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, on Friday, Dec. 7, 1979, age 69 years, 5 months and 28 days.

Emma had been a long time member of St. Mary's church in Portsmouth and after moving to Harlan had been a member of St. Michael's church. She had also been a member of St. Katherine's Court No. 266, Catholic Daughters of America of Earling.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers - Peter, Leo and Alfred Ohlinger. Survivors include her husband, Cecil, of Harlan; two sons - Rev. Paul Monahan of Avoca and Phil Monahan of Ralston, Nebr.; four grandchildren; two brothers - John and Ernest Ohlinger, both of Portsmouth; a sister - Mary Ann (Mrs Floyd Feser) of Portsmouth; nieces and nephews; and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Michael's church in Harlan on Monday, Dec. 10, 1979, with Rev. Paul Monahan as celebrant and priests of the Des Moines Diocese as concelebrants. The Final Commendation was given by Most Rev. Maurice Dingman, Bishop of the Diocese of Des Moines. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Portsmouth, with Neil Feser, Neil Monahan, Francis Cahill, Lester Schmitz, David Ohlinger and LeVern Ohlinger serving as pallbearers.