

## Lenora Arkfeld, 88

*March 14, 1911 – Jan. 13, 2000*

**DENISON**—Lenora Ann Arkfeld was born in Harlan, March 14, 1911, the daughter of John and Mary Fromm Klein. She died Jan. 13, 2000, at her home in Denison, at age 88 years. She received her education in a rural school near Westphalia.

Feb. 21, 1933, she married Anthony Arkfeld at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. This union was blessed with the birth of eight children. The couple settled on a farm south of Defiance until 1939, at which time they purchased a farm east of Defiance, where Lenora remained until November of 1995, when she moved to Denison. She was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church in Defiance, and their Ladies Council.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony; two sisters, Josephine Book and Catherine Petsche; and one brother, Tony Klein. She is survived by four daughters, Grace Schechinger (Ellsworth) and Lois Blum (Richard), all of Manilla; Gladys Wilwerding (Larry) of Co. Bluffs; Elaine Gross (Dick) of Denison; four sons, Kenneth (Dorothy) Arkfeld, Bob (Linda) Arkfeld, all of Defiance; Allan (Shary) Arkfeld of Dow City; and Bruce (Velma) Arkfeld of Defiance; 43 grandchildren; 86 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild; two sisters, Cecilia Gross and Susan Petsche, both of Harlan; three brothers, John Klein (Isabel) and Joe Klein, all of Harlan; Fred Klein (Dorothy) of Omaha and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Jan. 17, 2000, at St. Peter Catholic Church in Defiance, with Father Mike Berner celebrant, Father Daniel Petsche, Father Eugene Klein and Father Robert Gralapp concelebrants. Burial was in St. Peter Catholic Cemetery in Defiance. Honorary casket bearers were Elizabeth Arkfeld, Kayleen Truex, Kathy Lingren, Amy Arkfeld, Cindy Seuntjens, Laura Arkfeld, Kim Wegner and Sara Arkfeld. Casket bearers were Doug Schechinger, Andy Arkfeld, Marvin Blum, Craig Wilwerding, Sam Arkfeld and John Arkfeld. Huebner Funeral Home in Denison, in charge of arrangements.

