

Rita Ballard, 79

COON RAPIDS — Rita Ballard, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Miller) Moylan, was born on Aug. 5, 1907 at Coon Rapids. She died April 16, 1987 at Myrtue hospital in Harlan at age 79 years, eight months and 11 days.

After she completed her education at Coon Rapids, she taught country school.

On Nov. 18, 1929, she married Grant Ballard in Coon Rapids. They resided in Coon Rapids and then Cedar Falls, before moving to Minneapolis, MN., where she worked at the McDavitt Haugh Funeral Home and St. Mary's hospital. After moving to the Harlan area, she was employed by Pauley Funeral Home. She became a resident of the Baptist Home in Harlan in Nov. of 1986. She was a former member of the Annunciation Catholic church in Coon Rapids and has been an active member of St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. She is survived by one sister, Mary Noehren of Harlan; one niece, Rita Petsche; seven sisters-in-law, Irene Smith, L. Vene Thomas, Betty Pierce, Ileen Olson and Mary Smith all of Coon Rapids; Pauline Bower of Los Angeles, CA.; and Maxine Hilgenberg of CO. and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 20, 1987 at the Annunciation Catholic church in Coon Rapids with Rev. E.V. Carpenter as the celebrant. Burial was in the Annunciation cemetery with Robert Nelson, Raymond L. Chipman, Dave Thomas, John Thomas, Kenneth Hoffman and John E. Hoffmann serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.