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## Elizabeth Dressen, 78

**HARLAN** - Elizabeth Clara Dressen, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Miller) Rosman, was born Sept. 30, 1911, on a farm near Westphalia. She died March 28, 1990 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan at age 78 years, five months and 28 days. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church, and as a young girl, moved with her family into Defiance, where she attended school and graduated from high school.

Nov. 20, 1934, she married Henry Dressen at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Defiance until 1951, when they moved into Defiance. She attended the University of Nebraska at Omaha where she received her Undergraduate Degree, then continued her education at Drake University in Des Moines, where she received a Masters Degree in Education. In 1950, she became a reading specialist clinician with the Harlan school system. In 1971, they moved into Harlan. After she retired as a reading specialist in 1976, she became a wedding consultant, retiring from that role in 1984. After the death of Henry in 1983, she continued to reside in Harlan. In Sept. of 1989, she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan and this has been her home since that time. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, St. Michael's Guild, The International Reading Association and the National Education Association.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Philip; two brothers, Roman and John Rosman; and two sisters, Edith and Marie. Surviving her are two daughters, Audrey Dressen of Glenview, IL., and Margaret (Mrs Herman) Hunter of Los Angeles, CA.; nine grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; one brother, Urban Rosman of Colorado Springs, CO.; seven sisters, Adelaide (Mrs Vitus) Schiltz of Dunlap; Irene (Mrs Carl) Wilwerding of Woodbine; Leonetta (Mrs Alfred) Kenkel and Dorothy (Mrs Albert) Sonderman both of Earling; Julia (Mrs Irvin) Heller of Harlan; Myra (Mrs Elmer) Klahs of Storm Lake; and Aletha (Mrs John) Sweeney of Neola; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 31, 1990 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with Rev. Edward Kelly as the celebrant. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Sam Sonderman, Dave Heller, Dan Heller, Denny Kenkel, George Miller and Jim Pattersen serving as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.