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## **Leona Graeve, 82**

**July 30, 1909 — May 29, 1992**

**HARLAN** — Mary Leona Graeve, daughter of Bernard and Clara (Muenchrath) Lapke was born July 30, 1909, at Earling. She died May 29, 1992, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 82 years, 9 months and 29 days. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, and attended country school near Earling. She grew to adulthood on her parents farm near Earling. After her school days were over, she worked in Omaha, NE., for several years.

Oct. 27, 1936, she married Mathew "Matt" Graeve at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap. Four children were born to this union. After their marriage, they remained on the farm. After her husband's death April 20, 1990, she continued to reside in her own home until Sept. of 1991, when she moved to her present home in Harlan. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and St. Joseph's Altar Society.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a great grandson, Adam Larrison; a son-in-law, Larry Gross; and a sister, Irene. She is survived by her children, Linda Gross of Harlan; Janet Graeve of Dallas, TX.; Dean (Dianne) Graeve of Lytton; and Mary Lou (Robin) Peterson of Bloomington, MN.; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandson; and one brother, Zeno (Lois) Lapke of Dunlap; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was concelebrated June 1, 1992, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Ben Kenkel as celebrant and Rev. Edward Kelly of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, concelebrating. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery with Lee Gross, Lance Gross, Aaron Graeve, Joshua Graeve, Kenneth Lapke, and Larry Dean Gross casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.