

## Frances Irwin, 78

**HARLAN** - Frances Josephine Irwin, the daughter of William and Josephine (Rosenthal) Schulte, was born Nov. 28, 1910, at Bloomfield, NE. She died at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, NE., Aug. 23, 1989 at age 78 years, 8 months and 26 days. She was baptized in the Catholic Church in Bloomfield. Her mother died Jan. 26, 1914 when she was just four years old. Shortly after her mother died, the family moved to Westphalia, where her father operated the General Store. He married Anna Rosenthal in 1915. She was confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, attended St. Boniface grade school and grew to adulthood to Westphalia. She worked as a housekeeper for an Omaha family for several years.

Sept. 10, 1941, she married Lee O. Irwin at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. A son and daughter were born to this union. After they were married, they lived near Jacksonville and then the Anita area, where they worked as a farm couple doing chores and as a housekeeper. During this time Lee also drove a truck for Petersen Trucking in Jacksonville. During WW II, this time he also drove a truck for Petersen Trucking in Jacksonville. During WW II, they moved to AR., where he was stationed in the U.S. Army. After his discharge from the service, they moved back to Harlan. While in Harlan they operated their own trucking firm for many years, both driving the large trucks, and they often included their children on the trips. In 1963, they sold the trucks and he worked for Shelby County for a few years. After he died on July 16, 1967, she worked for the Clarence Namanny family of Walnut for 15 years.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church of Harlan; St. Michael's Guild, Quilting Club; Shelby County Commanders and several card clubs. She also enjoyed playing the slide trombone in the Westridge Kitchen Band.

In addition to her parents and stepmother, Anna Schulte, she was preceded in death by her husband; three brothers, Lawrence, John and Raymond and two sisters, Cecelia and Ellen. She is survived by a son, Kenneth of Omaha; a daughter, Patricia Nollen of Denison; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Howard Schulte of Jefferson and Paul Schulte of Carroll; six sisters, Josephine (Mrs Ray) Kwapiszeski of Panama; Helen (Mrs Ray) Carey of The Dallas, OR.; Alice (Mrs Phil) Carey of Panama; Bernice (Mrs Leo) Feser of Defiance; Theresa (Mrs Cecil) Blum of Walnut and Agnes (Mrs Leo) Gaul of Earling; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Aug. 26, 1989 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Harlan with Rev. Edward Kelly as the celebrant and Rev. Cornelius Gaul as the concelebrant, with Deacon Leo Gaul assisting. Burial was in the St. Boniface cemetery, Westphalia with Greg Gaul, Gerald Lapke, Duane Schulte, Gary Blum, Dale L. Feser and Charles Namanny serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.