

Marie Kloewer, 77

DEFIANCE — Marie Johanna Kloewer, daughter of Anton and Barbara (Gaul) Kloewer was born on June 24, 1910, near Westphalia. She was baptized at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia and received her First Communion and confirmation at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. She attended St. Peter's Catholic school.

Due to the death of her mother and father, she helped raise her brothers and sisters. She was employed as a cook for the Nielsen Hotel in Denison for several years, then moved with the Nielsen family to Pomona, CA, where she was employed as a cook in their restaurant for over 22 years. About 1975, she retired and moved back to Defiance and made her home with her brother, Joe. She became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan, May 14, 1984. She died Aug. 9, 1987 at age 77 years, one month and 16 days. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by six brothers, Joe, Paul, Tony, Peter, Alfonse and Aloysius; and two sisters, Dorothy and Catherine. She is survived by two brothers, Vince Kloewer of Manilla and Herman Kloewer of Keosauqua; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was held on Aug. 12, 1987 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance with Rev. Garry Culver as the celebrant. Rev. David Polich served as the homilist. Burial was in the Sts. Peter and Paul cemetery with Rev. Lloyd White conducting the committal service. Serving as casket bearers were Leo Kloewer, Jim Kloewer, Don Kloewer, Delmar Kloewer, Leonard Kloewer and Bernie Wilwerding. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.