

## Margaret Kilpatrick, 96

July 23, 1915 - Jan. 12, 2012

**HARLAN** — Margaret Mary Kilpatrick was born on July 23, 1915 to James and Theresa (Schoppe) Kinsella in Ames. She attended schools in Iowa and Minnesota but graduated from Ames High School.

She owned and operated a small grocery store outside of Ames before her marriage on July 12, 1937, to Bruce Kilpatrick in Ames. Four children were born to this union: William, Maureen, Charles, and James. The family lived in Ames for a few years while Bruce was on the faculty at Iowa State University. In 1943, they moved to Harlan and lived east of town for over sixty-seven years. Margaret enjoyed politics and was an active member of the Democratic Party. She loved singing and was in the Shelby County Chorus and directed the St. Michael's Catholic Church choir for several years. She helped her husband in his hybrid seed corn business for several years before managing the rental of her farm land and loved to drive her bright red 4 x 4 pickup. Margaret died on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, having attained the age of ninety-six years, five months, and twenty days.



Margaret was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. She is survived by her children: William Kilpatrick and his wife Pat of Excelsior Springs, MO, Maureen and her husband Ronald Grier of Ames, Charles Kilpatrick and his wife Karen of Des Moines, and James Kilpatrick of Harlan; nine grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; other family members and friends.

Rev. Don Bruck celebrated the 11:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Kate Kohorst accompanied vocalist Orv Roecker. Serving as casket bearers were Charles Kilpatrick, Darrell Pettz, William Kilpatrick, Julie Pettz, Sarah Grier, and Ron Grier. Interment was held at the Harlan Cemetery in Harlan.

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