

Cecilia M. Kloewer, 92

Aug. 12, 1906 - Aug. 29, 1998

HARLAN - Cecilia Margaret Kloewer, daughter of Martin and Anna Greiner Kaufmann, was born Aug. 12, 1906, near Westphalia. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, and attended country school. Cecilia and her brothers and sisters were very young when their father died making it necessary for the children to raise each other as well as operate the farm.

April 26, 1927, she married Frank Kloewer at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Seven children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in Shelby County. Celie was one of the founders of the hot lunch program at St. Boniface School at Westphalia. In 1967 they retired from the farm and moved into Harlan where they became members of St. Michael's Catholic Church. She worked for many years baking for Mickel's Restaurant. She also assisted with their catering operation serving meals in many southwest Iowa communities. She died Aug. 29, 1998, at the Baptist Memorial Home just 17 days after her 92nd birthday.

In addition to her husband, Frank, who died Nov. 10, 1988, she was preceded in death by a great grandchild, Amy Michel; five brothers, Joseph, Leo, Lawrence (Pat), Peter and George; and three sisters, Blanche, Emma and Mary. Survivors include her seven children, Mildred Blum (Albert) of Cecil, WI; Irene Blum of Harlan; Richard Kloewer (Alice) of Englewood, CO; Marlene Eggerling of Longmont, CO; Duane Kloewer (Linda) of Indian Springs, AL; Judy Peters (Carl) of Harlan and Joyce Schaben of Lincoln, NE. Additional survivors include two sisters, Sr. Rose Kaufmann of Omaha, NE and Dorothy McKeighan (Earl) of Denison; 28 grandchildren and 49 great grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Sept. 1, 1998, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Rev. Howard Fitzgerald celebrating, Rev. Joseph I. Brown C.P.P.S. concelebrating and Rev. Mr. Pat Davitt assisting. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Gary Blum, Sarah Ann Kloewer, Ken Kloewer, Sharon Cherry, Jennifer Sornson, Laura Schaben and Mark Eggerling casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

