

Marie Theresa Rau, 76

April 9, 1915 — March 4, 1992

HARLAN — Marie Theresa Rau, daughter of Anton and Anna (Anastasi) Mueller was born April 9, 1915, at Nazareth, TX. She was baptized in the Catholic faith in Nazareth, and as a small girl moved with her family to Westphalia. She received her First Communion and was confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic church in Westphalia, and attended St. Boniface School. After school, she helped area families as a house lady.

Jan. 11, 1938, she married Ray Rau at St. Boniface Catholic Church. They were the parents of one son and four daughters. After their marriage, they farmed west of Harlan until retiring in 1975. They continued to reside on the farm until 1985, when they moved to their present home in Harlan. This has been their home since that time. She died March 4, 1992, at the Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha, NE., at age 76 years, 10 months, and 23 days. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Joseph, Aloysius, and Lawrence; and one sister, Elizabeth. Surviving is her husband, Ray Rau of Harlan; a son, Thomas (Janiece) Rau of Shelby; her daughters, Pearl (James) Summers, and Joan (Duane) Schaben, all of Co. Bluffs; Ruth (John) Plambeck of Persia, and Ann (Russell) Rudy of Walnut; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; a sister, Josephine Koester of Earling; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated March 7, 1992, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with Rev. Edward Kelly, celebrant. Concelebrating was Rev. Jim Polich of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca. Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery in Westphalia with Dan Rau, Joe Rau, Jim Summers, Troy Plambeck, Bob Koesters, and Dr. Ted Mueller, D.O., casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.