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Helen P. Reinig, 84

Nov. 16, 1918 - Dec. 9, 2002

PORTSMOUTH – Helen P. Reinig was born to Henry and Cecelia (Mueller) Kaufman Nov. 16, 1918, at Earling. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and attended St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling.

Sept. 29, 1943, she married Martin Reinig at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. To this union two children were born. Following their wedding, they farmed west of Harlan until 1949, when they moved to a farm southeast of Portsmouth. This remained their home until 1970, when they retired and moved in to Portsmouth. Helen became a resident of Little Flower Haven Nursing and Rehab Center Oct. 15, 2001. A member of St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, she also belonged to the Pioneer Club and the Portsmouth Quilting Club. Helen died Dec. 9, 2002, at Little Flower Haven Nursing and Rehab Center at age 84 years and 23 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Martin Reinig, Nov. 3, 1977; son, Ronald Reinig; granddaughter, Julia Ann Stolz; sister, Jenny Weller; and brothers, Frank, Joe, Heinie and Louis Kaufman. She is survived by her daughter, Marie (Dewayne) Stolz of Portsmouth; grandchildren, Dennis Stolz of Omaha, NE; and Michelle Stolz of Portsmouth; sisters and brother, Mary Mundt of Manning; Therese (Peter) Fromm of Defiance; Peggy (Martin) Schwarte of Harlan; and Mike Kaufman and his friend, Marlene of Omaha, NE; daughter-in-law, Judy Reinig Sergant of Perry; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 11, 2002, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, with the Rev. Paul Bianchi celebrant. Burial was in the St. Mary's Cemetery, Portsmouth, with Ralph Wingert and Ralph Kramer honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Joe Reinig, Jerry Kaufman, Ed Reinig, Tony Wingert, Mark Kaufman and Randy Schwarte. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.