

## Kathleen Renze, 92

Feb. 23, 1922 - Jan. 16, 2015

**HARLAN** — Kathleen Lydia Klein was born on February 23, 1922, to Peter and Mary (Romney) Klein at Templeton.

At a dance in Halbur, Kathleen was asked by a total stranger, LaVern Renze, for a dance, and she said yes. After that they began dating and were married on May 6, 1946 at Holy Angels Church in Roselle. To this marriage four children were born: David, Lloyd, Karen and Michael. Kathleen was a loyal companion to her husband and helped him wherever she could on his Fuller Brush route. She also worked



part-time in food service at Harlan Schools and at the Nursing Home in Avoca. She would substitute when they needed her for the schools. Kathleen loved needle work - knitting, sewing, crocheting and quilting. She also enjoyed card club, reading and word puzzles.

In later years Kathleen planned their trips to Hawaii, a Caribbean cruise, and twelve bus tours that they both enjoyed. Kathleen was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church since 1961 and always lived her Catholic faith. Kathleen died on January 16, 2015 at the age of ninety-two years, ten months, and twenty-four days.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her parents Peter and Mary Klein; son David; brothers Clarence, Bernard, and Laverdes; and sisters Lorene Wiskerchen and Marie Riznicek. She is survived by her husband of sixty-eight years LaVern Renze of Harlan; her children: Lloyd Renze and his wife Joy of Des Moines, Karen Hunter of Omaha, NE, and Michael Renze and his wife Josephine of Columbus, NE; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, daughter-in-law Jane Louise Renze of Chicago, IL; other family members and friends.

The 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Reverend Allan Reicks, Deacon Tom Renze and Father David Smith on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at the St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Greg Renze, Cole Smith, Lloyd Renze, Mike Renze, Joseph Renze and Karen Hunter served as casket bearers. Interment was held at the Harlan Cemetery.

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