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Helen A. Sellers, 72

June 17, 1919 - July 5, 1991

HARLAN – Helen Adelaide Sellers, daughter of Thomas and Blanche Monroe Shea, was born in Co. Bluffs, June 17, 1919. She died at her home July 5, 1991, just 18 days after her 72nd birthday. She grew to adulthood in Co. Bluffs, where she was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church. She graduated from St. Francis Catholic High School in 1937.

She married L.R. "Bo" Sellers at St. Francis Catholic Church in Co. Bluffs, June 29, 1939. They were the parents of eight children. They made their home in Clarion, CA.; Storm Lake, and Co. Bluffs, before moving to Harlan in 1951. For 37 years they managed the Franksen and Johnson Paint Store in Harlan, retiring in 1988. She was an active member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and its women's guild. In addition to raising her family, she was a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Harlan and active in the Shelby County Democratic party.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Philip and Lawrence Shea: and Feb. 16, 1990. her husband of over 50 years and July 3, 1991, her son, Patrick. Survivors include her children; three daughters, Corinne (Mrs Walter) Tomihiro of Columbia, S.C.; Lavonne (Mrs Thomas) Eddy of Peru, IN., and Anita (Mrs Gary) Halterman of Thorton, CO.; four sons, Thomas (Sylvia) of Alhambra, CA.; Timothy (Jan) of Milwaukie, OR .; Michael (Leila) of Cedar Falls and Jerry (Jeanine) of Colorado Springs, CO .: ten grandchildren; one brother, Norbert Shea of Maribosa, CA.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated July 8, 1991 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with Rev. Edward Kelly as the celebrant. Concelebrating was Rev. Basil Finken, Rev. Augustine Rotering and Seminarian Randy Richman. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Tim Eddy, Jack Sellers, Jerry Sellers, Thomas Sellers, Timothy Sellers, and Michael Sellers, casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.