

Pauline M. Swenson, 78 *(Elmer)*

HARLAN - Pauline Swenson, daughter of John Stolz and Martha Thraen Stolz, was born May 2, 1910, on a farm in Shelby County. She died at Northshore Manor in Loveland, CO, March 16, 1989, at age 78 years, 10 months and 14 days. She was baptized, received her First Communion and was confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Defiance. She attended school and grew to adulthood on her parents farm, working later for George Stolz near Defiance.

June 3, 1929, she married Elmer Swenson at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Six children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed for 19 years in Polk Twp., then moved to a farm southeast of Kirkman. She continued to live there after her husband's death in 1977, becoming a Harlan resident in 1981. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by daughter, Geraldine; three brothers, Henry, Clarence and "infant" John; two sisters, Martha and Irene; one granddaughter, Tracy Lyn Richards and one great-grandson, Ricky Huber. She is survived by three daughters, Joyce Huber of Tampa, FL; Zeta Richards (Mrs Kent) Barnett of West Liberty, Jolene (Mrs Ken) Hass of Loveland, CO; two sons, Gary and Randy both of Kirkman; one brother, Edwin Stolz of Avoca; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 20, 1989 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Harlan, with Rev. David Polich as celebrant. Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery, Westphalia with Paul F. Scott, Jerry Swanson, Elliott Svendsen, Levi Swensen, Darwin Swanson and Darrell Swanson as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.