

Odelia Schmidt, 95

Dec. 17, 1901 - May 3, 1997

HARLAN - Odelia Johanna Schmidt, daughter of Nicklous and Kate (Krupp) Langenfeld, was born Dec. 17, 1901, at Earling. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, attended country school and grew up on a farm near Earling. She moved to town with her parents at age 17 where she worked at a grocery store for eight years.

May 2, 1927, she married Michael Schmidt at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. To this union nine children were born. They made their home in Portsmouth where he was a contractor. After the death of Mike in 1969, she continued to make her home in Portsmouth. In 1992, she moved to Harlan where she made her home on Lincoln Avenue. She liked to crochet and do fancy work, and quilt. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan and a member of Catholic Daughter of Americas, Court St. Katherine No. 266. Jan. 5, 1993, she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home and it was there that she died May 3, 1997, at age 95 years, four months and 16 days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Mike, she was preceded in death by her infant son, Joseph; two great granddaughters, Ann Huscher and Elise Marie Schmidt; her sisters, Wilhelmina, Clara and Dora; her brothers, Casper, John, Fred, William and George Langenfeld. Surviving are her children, Nola Schiltz (Gerald) of Portsmouth; Orma Fieber (Donald) of Goodwin, SD; Michael "Mick" Schmidt (Lucille) of Harlan; Joan Leinen (Alfred) of Earling; Leon Schmidt of Harlan; Fances Bowen (Joseph) of Sand Springs, OK; LuAnn Isaac (Joseph) of Gate City, VA; Gary Schmidt (Pat) of Harlan; 42 grandchildren; 84 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild; her sister, Sr. Clarita Langenfeld of Chicago, IL and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated May 6, 1997, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Rev. Gordon Gittins celebrant and Rev. Mike Berner, Rev. Tom Crowley, Msgr. Edward Kelly, Rev. Paul Bianchi and Rev. Richard Wagner concelebrating assisted by Rev. Mr. Pat Davitt. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth, with Grady Bowen, Sandy Kenkel, Alan Leinen, Mike Schmidt, Bret Schmidt, Jeff Schmidt and Larry Fieber as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

