

Isabel Sonntag, 86

Feb. 4, 1912 - March 12, 1998

HARLAN - Isabel Agnes Sonntag, daughter of Nick and Christina (Muell) Mickels, was born Feb. 4, 1912, in Panama. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama, and also attended school in Panama.

April 10, 1934, she married Leo Benedict Sonntag in Panama. The couple farmed in the Panama area until 1961, when they moved into Harlan. Leo died March 23, 1995, in Harlan. Isabel was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. She died March 12, 1998, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 86 years, one month and eight days.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband of 60 years, Leo; one son, Richard Sonntag; and two brothers, Ralph Mickels and Mike Mickels. Survivors include one daughter, Ellen (Jerry) Niedzielski of Omaha, NE; four sons, Gerald (Theresa) Sonntag and Donald (Lois) Sonntag, all of Atlantic; David (Phyllis) Sonntag of Aurora, CO and Marvin (Rita) Sonntag of Brayton; two sisters, Marian (Lavern) Klein of Harlan and Lorena Gubbels of Westphalia; one brother, Jon Mickels of Panama; 19 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated March 16, 1998, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Father Richard Gubbels officiating. Casket bearers were Dennis Sonntag, Todd Sonntag, Duane Sonntag, Glen Sonntag, Rob Sonntag and Gary Sonntag. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.