

Irene S. Arkfeld, 85

PANAMA — Irene Susan Arkfeld, daughter of William D. and Susan Elizabeth Ferguson Cody, was born at Mo. Valley, on Dec. 16, 1893. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Patrick's Catholic church in Mo. Valley. She attended school and grew to adulthood there. After completing her education, she continued to make her home in Mo. Valley and worked in a bank.

On April 28, 1962, she married Ben C. Arkfeld at St. Patrick's church in Mo. Valley. They made their home on a farm near Panama, and this has been their home since that time. Irene died at Myrtue hospital in Harlan, on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 1979, at age 85 years, 9 months and 24 days.

She had been a member of St. Mary's church in Panama. She had also been a member of St. Katherine's Court No. 266 Catholic Daughters of America of Earling, and the American Legion Post No. 601 Auxiliary of Panama.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by five brothers - Edward, William, Francis, D.M. "Mike", and Kevin Cody; and a sister, Nellie Epperson. Survivors include her husband, Ben Arkfeld of Panama; two step-daughters, Alma (Mrs Nick Bruck) of Portsmouth and Alice, (Mrs Ralph Mickels) of Panama, 15 step-grandchildren; 20 step-great-grandchildren; two sisters - Alice Ryan of Harlan and Agnes Robinson of Wichita, Kans.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's church in Panama, Saturday, Oct. 13, 1979, with Rev. David Fenelon as celebrant and Rev. Edward Kelly, Msgr. Albert Davidsaver, and Rev. Richard Arkfeld as concelebrants. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Panama, with Nick D. Bruck, Ron Bruck, Bob Bruck, Rick Bruck, Randy Bruck and Rod Mickels serving as pallbearers.
