

THE LIFE STORY OF —

## Mrs Mary Blum, 82

**Earling** — Mary Margaret Blum, daughter of George B. and Barbara A. Grottel Haberberger, was born Jan. 2, 1899 in Saint Marys, Penn., and baptized at the Catholic church in Saint Marys. As a small child, she moved with her family to Freeburg, Mo., and there she received her First Communion and Confirmation at the Catholic church and attended the Catholic school. At the age of 13, she began working at the family bakery in Freeburg, and at the age of 17, she moved to Earling, where she was employed by various families as a housemaid.

On April 25, 1919, she married Henry J. Blum at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Earling. Four children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Earling and later moved to farms near both Dunlap and Defiance, living at each for a short time. They then made their home on a farm near Earling, which they farmed for many years. After Henry's death on Oct. 20, 1953, she continued to live on the same farm with her son, Ivo. In Feb. of 1981, after making her home on the farm for 57 years, she became a resident of the Dunlap Care Center and two months later, she moved to the Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling, which has been her home ever since that time.

She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic church in Defiance, and also a member of their Altar and Rosary Society.

She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 1981 at age 82 years.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers, George, John, Louie and Chris and three sisters, Lena Block, Minnie Triggs and Carrie Haberberger.

Survivors include two sons, Ivo of Earling and Donald of Defiance; two daughters, Wilma (Mrs Charles) Lehan of Defiance and Marie (Mrs George) Stolz of Earling; 24 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren and one great great grandson; two sisters, Anna Hendricks of Drumheller, Alberta, Canada and Barbara Fabrenkrog of Co. Bluffs, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Peter's Catholic church on Friday, Sept. 18, 1981 with Msgr. John McIlhon officiating.

Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery in Earling with Randy Stolz, Stan Stolz, Mike Blum, Gary Blum, Joe Lehan and Charlie Lehan Jr. serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan handled the arrangements.