

Elma D. Blunk, 78

Elma Dorothy Blunk, daughter of Charles W. and Elizabeth B. Wailes Main, was born March 2, 1904 in Bayard. She was baptized in the Methodist church at Bayard and attended the Bayard grade school. She grew to adulthood helping at home and then moved to Co. Bluffs where she was employed as a telephone operator for a few years.

On Jan. 22, 1923, she married Charles A. Theulen at the Methodist church Parsonage in Carroll. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home in Bayard, where Mr Theulen worked for the Milwaukee Railroad. In 1937, the Theulen's moved to Defiance, where Mr Theulen continued to work for the Railroad. After his death on Feb. 8, 1952, she continued to make her home in Defiance for a short time before moving to Harlan.

On June 7, 1956, she married Edwin P. Blunk in Maxwell. Sometime after their marriage, they moved to Omaha, where she was employed by the Northern Natural Gas Company. After Mr Blunk died on May 7, 1960, she continued to live in Omaha and worked for the gas company. After retiring in 1973, she moved back to Harlan and this has been her home since that time.

While living in Defiance, after her first husband's death, she became a member of the Catholic church. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic church in Defiance and later transferred her membership to St. Michael's Catholic church when she moved to Harlan. She died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Saturday, March 27, 1982,

25 days after celebrating her 78th birthday.

In addition to her husbands and parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Luther, Robert, Richard and George and four sisters, Mathilda, Josephine, Alpha and Esther. She is survived by one son, Charles Theulen of Defiance; four daughters, Evelyn (Mrs Darwin) Chipman of Shelby, Dorothy (Mrs Jimmy) Weatherman of Maxwell, Juanita (Mrs Larry) McCool of Tennant and Norma (Mrs Vincent) Krantz of Harlan; 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren; one brother, James Main of Polo, Mo. and one sister, Mary Ellen Thompson of Newton, Kans.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan on Tuesday, March 30, 1982 at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Richard G. Wagner as celebrant and Msgr. John McIlhon as concelebrant.

Burial was in St. Peter's cemetery in Defiance with Bill Theulen, Jeff Theulen, Jack McCool, Larry B. Gregerson, Clarence A. Gregerson and Ronald J. Gregerson serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home of Harlan handled the arrangements.