



THE LIFE STORY OF —

Clara A. Bruck, 86

Harlan — Clara Anna Bruck, daughter of Nicholas and Theresa Work Windeshausen, was born on a farm in Shelby county near Westphalia, on Jan. 12, 1893. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface church in Westphalia. She attended school at Westphalia and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm.

On Sept. 9, 1913, she married William C. Bruck in St. Boniface church in Westphalia. 13 children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed for a short time east of Earling and then moved to a farm near Portsmouth. After William's death in Jan. of 1933, Clara made her home on a farm near Tennant until 1937 when she moved to Harlan. From 1939 to 1952 she used her home as a nursing facility for women during childbirth which she herself managed and operated. After retiring she continued to make her home in Harlan. Clara died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Monday, April 30, 1979, age 86 years, three months and 18 days. She had been a long time member of St. Michael's church and Guild in Harlan and had been active in the Legion Auxiliary and the Sr. Citizens Club.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by four infant daughters - Mary, and triplets, Joan, Joyce and Joanne; four grandsons; a granddaughter; and four sisters - Anna Gotto, Kathryn Schmitz, Barbara Funk and Lena Olson. She is survived by six sons - Joe of Panama, Nick and Mark, of Portsmouth, Neil of Bernard, Bill of LaMotte, and Mike of Harlan; three daughters - Rita Koenig of Halbur, Helen (Mrs Dewey Langenfeld) of Spencer, and Clara (Mrs Richard Carroll) of Adel; 50 grandchildren; and 44 great-grandchildren; by a brother, Nick Windeshausen of Osmond, Neb.; four sisters - Mary Behrendt of Dunlap, Josephine (Mrs Joe Huebert) of Panama, Theresa Von Tersch of Earling and Lucille (Mrs Hubert Stinn) of Harlan; nieces and nephews, and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Michael's church in Harlan Wednesday, May 2, 1979, with Rev. Donald Bruck as celebrant and Msgr. Peter Schmitz, Rev. Richard Wagner, Rev. David Fenelon and Rev. Vincent Rosonke as concelebrants. Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery in Westphalia with Mrs Bruck's sons, Joe, Bill, Mark, Mike, Neil and Nick serving as pallbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home was in