



## **Cecelia Kenkel, 70**

**Panama** — Margaret Cecelia Kenkel, the daughter of Nicholas P. and Cunegunda L. (Lohneis) Kenkel, was born on a farm in Shelby County near Defiance on Sept. 18, 1908. She was baptized at St. Peter's Catholic church at Defiance and was confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic church at Panama.

She attended St. Mary's School in Panama, where she grew to adulthood. She continued her education at St. Mary's College in Omaha; Ottumwa Heights in Ottumwa Iowa and Grinnell College in Grinnell. Her graduate work was completed at Drake Univ. in Des Moines. She then taught school at St. Mary's in Panama and rural schools near there. She also taught in several other Iowa Communities including Grinnell and Des Moines.

Cecelia retired in 1970 and moved back to Panama, and this has been her home since that time. She died at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan on Oct. 29, 1978, at the age of 70 years, one month and 21 days.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama. She was also a member of the Panama Sewing Circle. Cecelia was preceded in death by her parents.

Her survivors include a brother, John Kenkel of Harlan, a sister Mary (Mrs Mal Stolz) of Temple City, Calif., and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 2, 1978 with the Rev. David Fenelon as celebrant and the Rev. Donald Bruck of Defiance as concelebrant.

Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Panama, with Jerry Lapke, Ken Tremel, Ray Wingert, Merrill Stolz, Isadore Mischo and Cletus Schaben serving as pallbearers.