

Mildred E. Barry, 82

July 8, 1918 - April 10, 2001

HARLAN – Mildred Elizabeth Barry was born July 8, 1918, to Mary (Gleason) and Arthur Chapman at Blairsburg. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Williams, where she remained a member until 1945. A graduate of Blairsburg High School, she attended the University of Northern Iowa receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education and English in 1940. Following graduation, she taught school in Irwin and Colo, until 1945.

She married Owen Barry Sept. 24, 1945, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Williams. To this union six children were born. Following their wedding, they made their home in Irwin, until January 1959, when they purchased a farm and moved to Manilla. While residing in Irwin, the couple became members of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. As residents of Manilla, the Barrys were members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. In September of 1974, they relocated to Harlan. Mildred then became actively involved at St. Michael's Catholic Church where she was a member of the St. Michael's Guild and Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court of St. Katherine No. 266 of Earling. She died April 10, 2001, at her home in Harlan, at age 82 years, nine months and two days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Carlton Chapman. She is survived by her husband, Owen Barry of Harlan; her children, Michael Barry (Georgetta) of Manilla; Patrick Barry (Janene) of Irwin; Philip Barry (Violet) of Des Moines; Paul Barry (Susan) of Clifton Park, NY; Ann (John) Heinen of Urbandale; and Jane (Roger) Erickson of Harlan; 19 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; sisters, Gladys Chapman of Webster City; and Iva Fiaherly of Fort Dodge; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 16, 2001, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with the Rev. Howard Fitzgerald celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Shad Barry, Allan Erickson, Lynn Barry, Nathan Barry, Kurt Barry, Adam Heinen, Tyler Barry and David Barry casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

