

Dunlap --- Magdalena Mary Book, daughter of Theodore and Mary (Altman) Scheuring was born on June 9, 1892 on a farm near Earling. She was baptized, received her First Communion and was confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and attended St Joseph's School.

On Jan. 26, 1915, she married Arthur J. Book at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Eight children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in Shelby County until 1932, when they moved into Harlan. After the death of her husband, Aug. 6, 1985, she continued to reside in her own home until 1986, when she became a resident of the Dunlap Care Center in Dunlap, It was there that she died July 19, 1993, at age 101 years, one month and ten days. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, and a past member of the Catholic Daughters of America, St. Katherine's Court #266 of Earling.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Alfred and 3 daughters, Leona, Margaret and Mary. She is survived by a son, Edmund of Mission, Tx.; 3 daughters, Marilyn Fritz of Holdrege, Ne.; Mildred Smartt of Adair; and Alma Book of Harlan; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great-grandchildren; 1 sister, Dora Bickett of Beresford, S.D.; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was concelebrated July 22, 1993, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with Msgr, Edward Kelly, celebrant and Rev. Joseph Kula and Rev. Vince Ohlinger concelebrating assisted by Rev. Mr Pat Davitt. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Don Buman, Jack Hoffstutler, Ron Book, Ludwig Buman, Vern Bushcamp and Robert Book casketbearers, Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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