

Florence Buckley, 87

Oct. 24, 1911 - Dec. 7, 1998

PEKIN, IL - Florence Eileen Buckley, daughter of Mark and Anna (Loftus) Darcy was born Oct. 24, 1911 at Creighton, NE. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Ludger's Catholic Church in Creighton and attended St. Ludger's Catholic School. Upon her graduation for high school, she attended St. Joseph Creighton Memorial at Omaha graduating from nurses training in 1932. She then worked at St. Joseph's Hospital and also for Dr. Ewing in Omaha, later working at Myrtue Memorial Hospital.

She married Dan Buckley Nov. 7, 1936 at Creighton, NE. They became the parents of two children, William and Kathleen. She was a former member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and St. Michael's Guild in Harlan, the Harlan Golf and Country Club and the St. Joseph's Alumni Association. She was a 25 year volunteer of the American Red Cross Bloodmobile in Harlan. She was currently a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Manito, IL. She died Dec. 7, 1998 at Pekin Manor in Pekin, IL at age 87 years, 1 month and 14 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Dan on Aug. 10, 1991; one brother, three sisters and two granddaughters, Deneen and Darcy Collins. She is survived by her children, William (Shirley) Buckley of Marion, AR, Kathleen (Herbert) Collins of Manito, IL; two grandsons, Jerry and Matthew Buckley; three great grandchildren, Derek Collins, Megan and Morgan Buckley; her sisters, Gertrude "Pat" Robinson of Orange, CA, and Marceline Strautman of Orland, CA and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 11, 1998 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with Rev Howard Fitzgerald celebrating and the Rev. Mr. Pat Davitt assisting. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Tom Lawlor, Gene Rosman, Ken Sojka, Terry Musich, Roger Rust and Andy Pokorny casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.