

Freda Annie Clarey, 89

Aug. 20, 1904 - Feb. 13, 1994

Denison - Freda Annie Clarey was born at Kenwood, IA, Aug. 20, 1904, the daughter of Herman H. and Metta Schrader Cassebarth. From Kenwood the family moved to a rented farm at Coon Grove and she received her education in the rural schools. The family then returned to her parents' homeland, Germany, residing there for one year until World War I was breaking out. They returned to Iowa at that time and purchased a farm at Dow City where her mother died. The family sold the farm at Dow City and moved to Grundy Center, where she was employed as a waitress for a time. From Grundy Center she returned to Denison where on Dec. 4, 1930, she was married to Thomas C. Clarey.

They made their home in Denison and they were blessed with three children, Patricia, John "Jack" and Joseph "Mike". With the exception of a few places of employment, she spent her married life caring for her family and home. Thomas died Dec. 23, 1984 and she continued to reside at their home in Denison until being flooded out in the July 1993 Flood. Since that time, she had resided with her daughter and husband, Patricia and Francis Murtaugh in Harlan, where her death occurred Feb. 13, 1994 at age 89 years, 5 months and 23 days. She was a member of the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Denison and the St. Rose Ladies Guild.

Including her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Mary Patricia Murtaugh, two sisters, Gusta Danielson and Emma Frank Bolken and two brothers, George and Richard Cassebarth. Survivors include her three children and their spouses, Patricia (Francis) Murtaugh of Harlan, John "Jack" (Judy) Clarey of Denison, and Joseph "Mike" (Patricia) Clarey of Co. Bluffs, ten grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 17, 1994 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Denison with Father Andrew W. Hoffmann celebrant. Casket bearers included Daniel Murtaugh, Thomas Murtaugh, Robert Murtaugh, John Murtaugh, Pat Clarey and Shawn Clarey. Burial was in the St. Rose of Lima Catholic cemetery in Denison.