

Clara Kelley, 77

HARLAN - Clara Barbara Kelley, daughter of Joseph and Magdalena (Kenkel) Thielen was born Aug. 14, 1911 at Panama. She died at her home in Harlan, April 10, 1989 at age 77 years, seven months and 27 days. She was baptized, received her First Communion and was confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. She attended country school, St. Mary's School in Panama and grew to adulthood in the home of her parents helping on the family farm.

Sept. 16, 1928, she married Walter Kelley at Harlan. Two sons were born to this union. They lived in the Panama area until New Year's of 1930, when they moved to the Harlan area by a team of horses. They farmed east of Harlan until Jan. inf 1984, when they moved into Harlan. She was also employed as a nurse aide at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan from Oct. 1955 until Oct. 1976. Clara and Walter were privileged to have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Sept. of last year. She was a member of the S.I. Club and Dial Club, both of Harlan.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, William in 1987 and three brothers, John, Raymond and Bernard



"Barney." Surviving are her husband, Walter of Harlan; one son, Tom and his wife, Sandra, Harlan; daughter-in-law, Alice Kelley of Mesa, AZ; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Joseph Thielen Jr. of Atlantic; nieces; nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 13, 1989 at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Don Schoepf of First Christian Church officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with John Benjamin, Kenneth Thielen, Perry Kelley, Sr., Donald E. Kelley, John W. Behrendt and Elmer Heimerman serving as casketbearers.