

Kathleen M. Kleffman, 66

PORTSMOUTH - Kathleen Margaret Kleffman, the daughter of Frank and Eldene (Bendon) Pursell was born Dec. 13, 1922, at Neola. She died Sept. 9, 1989 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 66 years, eight months and 27 days. She was baptized at St. Patrick's Church in Neola and graduated from St. Mary's High School in Portsmouth in 1940.

On May 27, 1941, she married Walter J. Kleffman at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. To this union, four children were born. After their marriage, they farmed for four years and then in the fall of 1947, Walter went into the trucking business at Portsmouth. He also drove a semi truck for Mid West Emory for several years. After the death of Walter on May 12, 1976, she continued to make her home in Portsmouth. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Jean, and a sister, Jane Pursell. Surviving her are two sons, Ron Kleffman of Portsmouth; Neil Kleffman of Estero, FL.; and a daughter, Loretta Swanson of Ft. Meyers, FL.; ten grandchildren; one great grandchild; four sisters, Loretta (Mrs Ed) Blum of Omaha, NE.; Mary



Ann Kramer of Corley; Carmella (Mrs Donovan) Grap of Portsmouth and Elaine (Walter) Koch of Co. Bluffs; three brothers, Gene Pursell of Co. Bluffs; Paul Pursell of Phoenix, AZ.; and Jerry Pursell of Omaha, NE.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 11, 1989 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Portsmouth, with Rev. Mike McLaughlin as the celebrant, assisted by Deacon Pat Davitt. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery with Rick Pursell, Brian Pursell, Barry Wingert, Leo Kleffman, John Kleffman and Glen Kleffman serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.