## Harlan, Town News Advertiser Friday May 5, 1989, pg 4-8 Anna Kochert, 89

TEXAS – Anna Mertens Kochert, daughter of Anton and Mary Stessman Mertens was born near Earling in 1900. She died at her home near Alamo, Texas, April 16, 1989.

She moved to Texas with her father and three sisters in 1917 after her mother died. She married Elmer Kochert in Texas and they were the parents of ten children.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Elmer Sr.; a son, Gerald; daughter, Christel; two brothers, Tony and Henry Mertens and four sisters, Sr. M. Gunthiklis OSF; Mary Mertens, Theresa (Mrs George) Penchoff and Cecelia (Mrs Maurice) Coleman. She is survived by five sons, Jim, Carroll, Robert, Ron and Elmer Jr.; three daughters, Marian (Mrs Carl) Eastwood and Betty and Dorothy Kochert; one sister-in-law, Mrs Katie Mertens of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. She was the aunt of Mrs Ellen Rosmann of Harlan.

Funeral services were held at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Alamo, TX, April 19, 1989. Burial was in McAllen cemetery, McAllen, TX.