

Helen Kremer, 87 ✓

March 15, 1920 - Nov. 25, 2007

HARLAN - Helen Kremer was born March 15, 1920, in Webb. She was orphaned as a baby and placed in an orphanage in eastern Iowa. When she was nine years old, she was cared for by Fred and Lydia Honeywell and was raised in Persia, where she attended school. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth, and rode to church for several years with Marvin and Helen Bissen and Fred and Grace Dreher.

Feb. 20, 1939, Helen married Clarence Kremer at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. Three children were born to this union: Charlotte, Terry, and Bernard. After their marriage, Helen and Clarence farmed in the Harrison and Shelby County areas for many years. Helen was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church for many years. She died Nov. 25, 2007, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 87 years, eight months, and 10 days.

Helen is preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, and her son, Terry. She is survived by her daughter, Charlotte (Harvey) Leinen of Harlan; her son, Bernie Kremer (Teresa) of Council Bluffs; her daughter-in-law, Janice Kremer of Manassas, VA; five grandchildren, Julie, Tracy, Scott, Gregory, and Kristen; and five great-grandchildren, Joshua Kremer; Kelsey, Derek, Haley, and Macie Leinen; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Nov. 28, 2007, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Bob Hoefler celebrating. Casket bearers were David Kohles, Dennis Kohles, "Speed" Kohles, Scott Leinen, Tim Kremer, and Derek Leinen with burial at the Harlan Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

