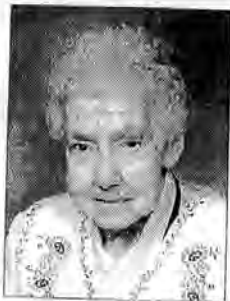


## Florence Ohlinger, 91

July 24, 1914 - Jan. 3, 2006

**AVOCA** — Florence Mary Ohlinger, the daughter of George and Mary Siemer Arkfeld, was born July 24, 1914, at Panama. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. She attended school at St. Mary's Catholic School graduating in 1933.

Aug. 20, 1935, Florence married Jacob Ohlinger at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. Twelve children were born to this union. After their marriage, the couple farmed near Panama. In 1971, Jacob retired from farming, and they moved to Harlan. Florence and Jake were privileged to have celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August of 1985. Jacob died Nov. 4, 1987. Florence was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama until 1971 and then joined St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. She was a member of St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society, St. Mary's Home and School Association in Panama, St. Michael's Guild, president and board member of the Harlan Senior Center, and delivered Meals on Wheels. She died Jan. 3, 2006, at Myrtue Medical Center at age 91 years, five months, and 10 days.



In addition to her parents, and her husband, Florence was preceded in death by her sons, Cletus and Alvin, two grandchildren, Jennifer Buckley and Betty Fix; and her brothers and sisters, Lucille Arkfeld, Mary Arkfeld, Archbishop Leo Arkfeld, and Vince Arkfeld. Survivors include her children, Theresa (Jerry) Sonntag of Atlantic; Father Vince Ohlinger, SVD of East Troy, WI; Raymond Ohlinger (Betty) of Pocahontas; Angie Wingert of Omaha, NE; Jake Ohlinger (Kathy) of Greenville, SC; Jane (Richard) Buckley of Glenwood; Leola (William) Royal of Harlan; Robert Ohlinger (Luann) of Wheat Ridge, CO; Rose (Dave) Sternberg of Shelby; Marge (Terry) Ostgaard of Lincoln, NE; 38 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; brothers and sisters, Sally Kohles of Harlan; Clem Arkfeld (Mick) of Panama; Rita (Johnny) Kelley of Woodbine; Sylvia (Jerry) Bissen of Earling; George Arkfeld (Josephine) of Oceanside, CA; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 7, 2006, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with Father Vince Ohlinger, SVD celebrant and Rev. Robert Hoefler concelebrant. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Jim Ohlinger, Dr. Matt Sternberg, JJ Ohlinger, Matt Ostgaard, Dr. Brenda Buckley, Abby Royal, Rob Sonntag, Susan Reichart, Renee Wingert, Travis Ohlinger, and Mike Ohlinger. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements