

Theresa Porter, 83

March 22, 1921 - March 7, 2005

HARLAN — Theresa Kathryn Porter, daughter of Arthur Albert and Madgalena Augusta "Lena" Windeshausen Olson, was born March 22, 1921, in Portsmouth. She was baptized at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama and attended school at St. Mary's Catholic School in Panama.

May 27, 1940, Theresa married Arlie Elmer Porter at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. To this union four children were born, Judy, Dennis, Ardith and Bruce. After their marriage, Arlie entered the United States Army. He was honorably discharged June 12, 1945. They made their home in the Shelby County area. Theresa worked for several years as a cook at the Holiday Buffet in Harlan. After the restaurant closed, she was employed in the bakery at Super Valu. Theresa retired in 1983. Arlie died June 17, 1992. After his death, Theresa resided in Harlan and became a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Community. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxilliary. She died March 7, 2005, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 83 years, 11 months and 16 days.

In addition to her parents, and her husband, Arlie, Theresa was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters, Viola Herbst, Gladys Miller, Ethel Eskov, Leo "Duke" Olson, Arthur "Pint" Olson, Elaine Page and Walter Olson. She is survived by her children, Judy (Marvin) Gubbels of Council Bluffs; Dennis Porter (Delores) of Ankeny; Ardith (Lynn) Schwery of Ames; Bruce Porter (Jean) of Harlan; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; her brothers and sisters, Ole Olson (Betty); Marilyn (Sonny) Johnson; Kenneth Olson (Ralpha); Romona Yates; Karen Scheffler; and Richard Olson (Sue), all of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held March 10, 2005, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrant. Casket bearers were Bill M. Gubbels, Todd C. Porter, Carl L. Schwery, Michael E. Porter, Troy A. Gubbels and Craig M. Porter. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.