

Mary Thraen, 82

HARLAN — Mary Katherine Schleimer Thraen, daughter of Anton and Wilhelmina (Behrendt) Schleimer, was born Oct. 15, 1904, on a farm near Panama. She was baptized and received her First Communion at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama, and was confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic church in Westphalia. She attended St. Mary's school in Panama, and grew to adulthood on her parents farm.

On Feb. 22, 1936, she married Andrew Thraen at St. Peter's Catholic church in Defiance. Four sons were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home in Fiscus for one year before moving to a farm near Irwin. In 1940, they moved to a farm near Portsmouth, and this was their home until moving to Kirkman in 1949. He retired from farming in 1968, but continued to live on the farm until 1973, when they moved into Harlan. After the death of Andrew on June 10, 1978, she continued to make her home in Harlan. She died May 9, 1987, at the Lutheran Medical Center in Omaha, NE., at age 82 years, six months and 24 days.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic church and St. Michael's Guild in Harlan.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one brother, John Schleimer. She is survived by her four sons, Marvin of Harlan; Howard of Harlan; Kenneth of Alpine, CA. and Gary of Harlan; ten grandchildren; three brothers, Anthony Schleimer of Earling; Joe Schleimer of Shelby and Frank Schleimer of Harlan; three sisters, Cecilia (Mrs Raymond) Fitzgerald of Persia; Catherine (Mrs Wayne) Ferry of Vail and Betty (Mrs Cleo) Anderson of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 12, 1987 at St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan with Rev. David Polich as the celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Mark Thraen, Steven Thraen, James Thraen, Michael Thraen, Jerry Lambert and Mike Assman serving as casketbearers. Jason Thraen served as honorary casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.