

Elva M. Finn

March 26, 1900 – June 8, 1999

PRAIRIE HILLS, WI – Elva M. Finn, daughter of Louis and Ella Christensen, was born March 26, 1900, in Harlan. She graduated from Harlan High School and attended Drake University.

Aug. 25, 1926, she married Raymond John Finn in St. Michael's Church. They had three children, Mary Catherine, Patricia Ann and Raymond John Jr. She and Ray lived in Cascade for the first few years of their marriage. Then they returned to Harlan, where she spent the rest of her married life. She was a charter member of the Hospital Auxiliary, an active member of the Harlan Literary Club, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Harlan Golf and Country Club and St. Michael's Church. During World War II, she was active in a variety of Red Cross activities. In 1969, she was honored as Harlan Mother of the Year. In 1976, she and Ray celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. After Ray's death, she moved to Hilton Head Island, SC, where she lived with her daughter, Mary Catherine Magee. For the past seven years, they have lived in River Hills, WI.

She is survived by her three children, 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, as well as her sister, Naomi Price, of Houston, TX.

A memorial mass was celebrated at St. Cecilia's Church, Thiensville, WI, June 14, 1999. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with graveside services June 28, 1999, with Father Fitzgerald officiating. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.