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Phyllis Morris, 80

Feb. 11, 1924 - March 1, 2004

HARLAN – Phyllis Ann Morris, the daughter of John T. and Agnes Muell Buckley, was born Feb. 11, 1924, at Panama. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama and attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Panama. Phyllis grew to adulthood on the family farm. After school, she helped her family on the farm.

Nov. 14, 1943, she married Wendell Morris at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Two children were born to this union, Peggy and Terry. After their marriage, they moved to Texas until Wendell was deployed overseas for World War II, when Phyllis returned to Panama to live with her parents. After Wendell's honorable discharge, the couple moved to Tennant where they farmed. Two years later, Phyllis and Wendell moved south of Harlan. In 1981, they retired from farming and moved into Harlan. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Phyllis died March 1, 2004, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 80 years and 19 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Wendell; brothers and sister, Edward, Damon, John, Mary Kurtz, Phillip and Marcus. Survivors include her children, Peggy (Barry) Moldoff of Punta Gorda, FL and Terry Morris (Sue) of Harlan; her grandchildren, Stephanie (Jason) Anastasi of Harlan; Andrew Morris of Harlan; Michael Moldoff (Alison) of Port Charlotte, FL; Jeri Moldoff of Boston, MA; great-grandchildren, Jaden and Alex Anastasi; her sister, Adeline Ratigan of Panama; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held March 4, 2004, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrant. Casket bearers were Tom Ratigan, Andrew Morris, Michael Moldoff, Jason Anastasi, Denny Ratigan, Jim Ratigan and Gary Ratigan. Burial was held in the Harlan Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.