

Clara Nollen, 72

DEFIANCE — Clara Margaret Nollen, the daughter of John and Odella (Abts) Book was born on a farm near Defiance, Nov. 13, 1914. She was baptized, received her First Communion and was confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. She attended St. Paul's Catholic School in Defiance, and graduated with the class of 1933.

On May 1, 1935, she married John Nollen at the Rectory of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. One daughter was born to this union. After their marriage, she worked as a waitress and beauty operator while they lived in Lidderdale, during the 1940s. They later moved to Carroll. After the death of John on July 22, 1967, she continued to live in Carroll until she moved to Audubon, where she worked as a housekeeper. In 1975, she moved to Atlantic and on May 1, 1987, she became a resident of the Atlantic care center. It was there that she died on Sept. 3, 1987, at age 72 years, 9 months and 21 days. She was a member of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Atlantic.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Simon and August Book; five half brothers, Andrew, John, William, Aloyious and George; and three half sisters, Josephine, Anna and Mary. She is survived by one daughter, Donna (Mrs Lambert) Klocke of Rockwell City; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Al Book of Harlan; and Robert Book of Onxard, CA; two half sisters, Magdalene Bauer of Dunlap and Frances Fitzgerald of Veneta, OR; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, Sept. 5, 1987 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance with Rev. Garry Culver as the celebrant. Burial was in the Union Twp. cemetery, Defiance with David Souder, Doug Klocke, Leonard Wells, John Wells, John Klein and Michael Gross serving as casket bearers. Pauly Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.