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Grace Rushenberg, 89

June 11, 1901 — Feb. 3, 1991

HARLAN – Ida Grace Rushenberg, daughter of George and Julia (Thompson) Nelson, was born June 11, 1901, on a farm near Irwin. She died Feb. 3, 1991, at the Mercy Hospital in Des Moines, at age 89 years, 7 months and 23 days. She attended school at Irwin and also attended nursing school in Red Wing, MN. She was baptized at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance.

Nov. 5, 1925, she married Leo Rushenberg in Co. Bluffs. They were the parents of four children. After their marriage, they farmed near Kirkman and Defiance before moving to Harlan. She was employed for 17 years as a private duty nurse aide at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan. After the death of Leo in Sept. of 1958, she continued to reside in Harlan. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Mabel and Clara and a half sister, LeVale. Survivors are a son, G.L. "Bud" Rushenberg (Jean) of Des Moines; three daughters, Marilyn (John) Coenen of Defiance; Carol (George) "Dick" Hooper of Denver, CO., and

Darlene (Charles) Stessman of Des Moines; 19 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; a sister, Emma Stockland of St. Paul, MN., and a half sister, Pat Flemming of Denver, CO.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was concelebrated Feb. 6, 1991 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with Rev. Edward Kelly as the celebrant. Concelebrating was Rev. Fred Reischl. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Eugene Hodapp, Eugene Monson, Roger Seashore, Cyrus E. Monson, Gaylord Stockland, and L. Robert Rushenberg serving as honorary casketbearers. Serving as casketbearers were Tim Coenen, David Coenen, James Coenen, Mark Lovelady, Randy Rushenberg, and Dennis Rushenberg. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.
