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Margaret L. Roecker, 92

Dec. 26, 1907 – Dec. 5, 2000

HARLAN – Margaret Laura Roecker was born Dec. 26, 1907, on a farm near Portsmouth, to Josephine (Meier) and Michael Stolz. Margaret was one of 13 children. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, and attended school at St. Boniface Catholic School in Westphalia.

She married Vincent H. Roecker Aug. 24, 1926, in Garnett, KS. To this union, five children were born. Following their wedding, the couple resided in Vincent's home town of Greeley, KS. Later they relocated to Defiance, and then to Earling. In 1936, they made their home in Harlan. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and the St. Michael's Guild Circle. She died Dec. 5, 2000, at Salem Lutheran Home at age 92 years, 11 months and nine days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Vincent, in 1964; son, Vernon; daughter, Donna Lee; two great grandchildren, Cody and Courtney Von Haden; brothers, Bernard, George and Frank; and sisters, Mathilda, Helen, Rose, Lenora, Mary, Eva, Ann and Lena. She is survived by her children, Orval Roecker (Lee) of Harlan; Mary Lou Knight of Anaheim, CA and Verla (Ronald) Randall of Harlan; nine grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; sister, Lavina Roecker of Denison; son-in-law, George Johnson of Anaheim, CA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Dec. 11, 2000, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with the Rev. Howard Fitzgerald celebrating and the Rev. Mr. Pat Davitt assisting. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Greg Roecker, Todd Roecker, Marc Roecker, Josh Roecker, Seth Roecker and Curt Johnson casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.