

The Life Story of --  
MRS TONY GRAF, 82

Helen Matilda Graf, daughter of Charles and Anna Kuhl Book, was born January 14, 1890 in Harlan and her entire life was spent in this vicinity. She died at Myrtle Memorial hospital in Harlan July 12, 1972, having attained the age of 82 years, 5 months, and 28 days. She was married to Anton W. Graf at St Michael's church in Harlan June 10, 1914. To this union nine children were born. Mr and Mrs Graf were privileged to observe their 54th wedding anniversary before the death of Mr Graf August 30, 1968. After their marriage they farmed near Harlan until November of 1958, when they moved to their present home in Harlan. Mrs Graf was baptized and confirmed at St Michael's church in Harlan and she has been a lifetime member of this church. She also was a member of St. Ann's Guild.

In addition to her husband, Tony, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Agnes (Mrs Tony Miller); her grandson - Gary Graeve; her parents; two sisters - Mary (Mrs Peter Liewer, and Elizabeth Book; and by two brothers - Oswald and Walter Book.

Surviving are one son - Ralph Graf of Denver, Colo.; seven daughters - Sister Mary Estelle, R.S.M. of Council Bluffs; Alice (Mrs Harry McGee) of Madrid; Helen (Mrs Mark Bruck) of Portsmouth; Frances (Mrs Ray Tremel) of Denver, Colo.; Mary (Mrs Delbert Graeve) of Manilla; Irene (Mrs Joe Tremel) of Earling; and Catherine (Mrs Vince Heese) of Earling; 33 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters - Clara (Mrs Clovis Wattier) of Randolph, Neb and Sidonia (Mrs Will Buman) of Harlan; by four brothers - Carl of Manilla; Arthur, Leo and Raymond Book, all of Harlan and by nieces and nephews.

A mass of the resurrection was celebrated Saturday, July 15, 1972 at St. Michael's church in Harlan with the Rev Dennis Dougherty as celebrant.

Burial was at Harlan cemetery in Harlan with William Bruck, Bruce Bruck, Michael Tremel, Ronald Tremel, Russell Heese, and Daniel Heese, her grandsons, serving as casket bearers.