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Helen Marie Haller, 76

Mrs Helen Marie Haller, daughter of Dessa Miller and Godfrey Schwery was born Oct. 12, 1906, near Portsmouth. She attended school in Portsmouth and graduated from St. Mary's high school in 1924. In 1925, she married John Haller at Portsmouth and to this union four children were born. They farmed for a number of years in the Portsmouth area and moved to Portsmouth in 1951. In 1954, they moved to Harlan. She became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in March of 1981. She was a telephone operator in Portsmouth and Harlan for many years. She was a member of the St. Michael's church in Harlan. She departed this life at the Jennie Edmundson hospital in Co. Bluffs on Sept. 13, 1983, at the age of 76 years, 11 months and 1 day.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband John in 1980; one son, Harold in 1945; two brothers, Fred and Paul Schwery and two sisters, Betty Zangerle and Margie Petsche. Survivors include three daughters, JoAnne, Mrs Jay Ulfers and Judy, Mrs Ted Kenkel of Co. Bluffs and Jan, Mrs Ray Kloewer of Harlan; two sisters, Mrs Leone Leiner of Spencer and Mrs Mildred Tarkington of Omaha. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Michael's church in Harlan on Friday, Sept. 16, 1983 with Rev. David Polich as celebrant. Burial was in the St. Mary's cemetery in Portsmouth with Harold and Rodney Haferbier, Dan and Randy Kenkel, Todd and Robby Kloewer, her grandsons, serving as pallbearers.

Burmeister Funeral Home of Harlan handled funeral arrangements.