

THE LIFE STORY OF-

Alma Heller

Alma Marie Heller, daughter of Frank and Mary Rosmann Hodapp, was born on a farm near Westphalia, on April 7, 1908. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic church in Westphalia. She attended St. Boniface school and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm. On Sept. 3, 1929, she married John W. Heller at St. Boniface Catholic church in Westphalia. Six children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Heller lived at Portsmouth, Iowa for 26 years. They then moved to Harlan and this has been her home since that time. Mrs Heller died at Mercy hospital in Co. Bluffs, on Oct. 20, 1976, at age of 68 years, 6 months and 13 days. She was a long time member of St. Michael's Catholic church and St. Ann's Guild in Harlan. She was also a member of the Senior Citizens Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, John, of Harlan; a son, Don of Audubon; five daughters - Verdella (Mrs Howard Schulte) of Harlan, Marjorie (Mrs Phil Monahan) of Ralston, Nebr., Marita (Mrs Nick Meinhart) of Minneapolis, Minn., Sharon (Mrs Richard Van Tassell) of Springfield, Nebr., and Julie (Mrs Steve Flaherty) of Omaha, Neb.; 15 grandchildren and by one great-grandchild; by three brothers - Virgil and Eugene Hodapp, both of Harlan and Merlin Hodapp of Waterloo; two sisters - Anita (Mrs Cletus Zimmerman) of Houston, Tex. and Stella Graeve of Des Moines; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at \$1. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan, on Friday, Oct. 22, 1976, with Rev. Richard Wagner as celebrant and Rev. Paul Monahan, Rev. Fred P. Reischl and Rev. Edward R. Kelly as concelebrants. Burial was in \$1. Mary's cemetery at Portsmouth, with Tom Heller, Joe Hodapp, Tim Hodapp, Mark Heller, Mike Monahan, and Randy Fiscus serving as pallbearers.

the Legion Auxiliary and was a 50 year member of the Irwin Eastern Star Chapter N. 182 and Past Matrons.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest, in 1965, an infant sister and by a sister, Myrlee. She is survived by a daughter, Viola (Mrs Robert Buchan) of Boynton Beach, Fla.; two sons - Albert Gibson of Dexter and Merle Gibson of Boise, Idaho; seven grandchildren and by two great-grandchildren; by three sisters - Elva Hendricks and Doris Little, both of Rockwell City and Nellie Hendricks of Jolley, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

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Funeral services were held
Sunday, Oct. 24, 1976, at the
Church of Christ in Irwin, with
Pastor Richard D. Creek, Jr.,
officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill
cemetery in Irwin, with Bill Brue,
John Woods, Bud Knudson,
Kenneth Pedersen, Charles A.
Farrell and John V. Anderson
serving as casketbearers.