

The life Story of—

Mrs John J. Herkenrath, 86

PORTSMOUTH — Dorothy

Katherine Herkenrath, known to all as "Dolly", was born Mar. 2, 1888 in Co. Bluffs, daughter of Orilla and Gilbert Whaley. She died at Myrtue Memorial hospital on June 3, 1974, at age 86 years, 3 months, 1 day. As a small child she moved with her parents to a farm near Portsmouth, where she grew to adulthood. She was confirmed at St. Mary's church in Portsmouth and she has been a member of this church most of her life. She was also a member of St. Mary's Rosary Confraternity, the Ladies Auxiliary of John Ohlinger American Legion Post No. 547 of Portsmouth, and of St. Katherine's Court No. 266, Catholic Daughters of America. On Apr. 27, 1909 she married John J. Herkenrath in Portsmouth and six children were born to this union. After their marriage, they lived in Portsmouth where Mr Herkenrath operated the General Store and later he was the Postmaster. This was their home throughout their married life. Mr and Mrs Herkenrath were privileged to observe their 63rd wedding anniversary before the death of Mr Herkenrath on June 11, 1972.

In addition to her husband, Mrs Herkenrath was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters - Blanche (Mrs Harry Winkler), Jennie (Mrs Henry Baxter) and Miss Lottie Whaley; and by one brother - Lonnie Whaley. She is survived by her four daughters - Mrs Bernice Rogers of Omaha, Nebr.; Aurelia (Mrs Charles Spears) of San Jose, Calif.) Valera (Mrs Max Gillette) of Sunnyvale, Calif.; and Bonnie (Mrs Eugene "Dane" Peterson) of Harlan; by two sons - Bernard of Mountain View, Calif., and Phil of Portsmouth; by 27 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren; by her nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, June 6, 1974 at St. Mary's church in Portsmouth with Rev Edward R. Kelly, pastor, as celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery in Portsmouth with Jack Spears, James Spears, Terry Rogers, Vance Peterson, Kent Herkenrath and Phil Herkenrath, Jr., her grandsons, serving as pallbearers.