

The Life Story of —

**GERTRUDE KIRSCHBAUM, 90**

**DEFIANCE** — Gertrude Kir-

schbaum, known to all as "Gertie", was born Oct. 23, 1883 on a farm in Westphalia township in Shelby county. She was the daughter of Robert and Barbara Schleier Kirschbaum. She died at Myrtue Memorial hospital on Feb. 28, 1974 at age 90 years, 4 months and 5 days. As a child she moved with her parents to a farm southeast of Defiance where she grew to adulthood. She continued to live in this community unit 1967 when she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. Mrs Kirschbaum was baptized at St. Boniface church in Westphalia and confirmed at St. Peter's church in Defiance and she has continued to be a member of this church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; by two brothers - William and Mike Kirschbaum; and by two sisters - Mrs Anna Peters and Mayme Kirschbaum. She is survived by one brother - John Kirschbaum of Spirit Lake, Ia. by one sister - Katie (Mrs Henry J. Mertens) of Harlan; by her nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Peter's church in Defiance on Saturday, Mar. 2, 1974 by Rev. James A. Freeman as celebrant and Rev. Anthony J. Palmer as concelebrant. Burial was in St. Peter's cemetery in Defiance with Tony Appel, Ronald Rosmann, Robert Mertens, Jack Kirschbaum, Donald Kirschbaum, and Charles Kirschbaum, her nephews serving as pallbearers.