

1984
Frances Nollen, 86

Frances Nollen, the daughter of John and Magdalena Stolz Theilen, was born Oct. 10, 1897, on a farm near Earling. She was baptized, received her First Communion and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic church in Westphalia. At the age of 12, Frances moved with her parents to Panama, where she attended country school, and grew to adulthood.

On Feb. 11, 1918, she married Michael Mathew Nollen, at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama. Seven children were born to this union. After their marriage, they lived near Panama for a short time and later moved to a farm near Defiance, where they farmed for many years.

After he died on Nov. 17, 1951, she continued to live on the farm until 1959 when she moved into Defiance. In 1976, she became a resident of the Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling. This has been her home since that time. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic church in Defiance. She died at the Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling, on May 2, 1984, at the age of 86 years, 6 months and 23 days.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four sisters, Barbara, Clara, Elizabeth and Mary; and three brothers, Joe, Charles and John. She is survived by four sons, John and Harry, both of Harlan, Kenneth of Independence and Ronald of Denison; three daughters, Lila (Mrs Leonard) Kirschbaum of Fenimore, Wisc., Betty (Mrs LaVerne) Bruck of Irwin and Marilyn (Mrs Edward) Goeser of Harlan; 24 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great grandchildren; one brother, Louis Thielen of San Diego, Calif.; one sister, Josephine Schomer of Panama; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was Concelebrated Saturday, May 5, 1984 at St. Peter's Catholic church in Defiance with Rev. Lawrence Beeson as the Celebrant and Msgr. Michael Schwarte and Rev. David Polich as the Concelebrants. Burial was in the Sts. Peter and Paul cemetery, Defiance with Tom Goeser, Bruce Bruck, Scott Nollen, Randy Nollen, Terry Nollen and Gerald Handlos serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.