

1983 Theresa Marie Von Tersch, 80

Theresa Marie Von Tersch, the daughter of J.N. and Theresa Mork Windeshausen, was born Oct. 15, 1902, on a farm near Westphalia. She was baptized at St. Boniface Catholic church in Westphalia. As a young girl she moved with her parents to Earling, where she attended school at St. Joseph's Catholic school and received her First Communion and was confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic church. After growing to adulthood in Earling, she lived with her sister in Chicago for a short time.

On Dec. 29, 1926, she married Alex Von Tersch in Chicago, Ill. Three children were born to this union. After marriage, they lived in the Shelby co. area, then both in S.D. and Calif. before moving to Harlan in 1937. Mrs Von Tersch cooked at area restaurants for many years and retired in 1964. She became a resident of the Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling in 1971. This has been her home since that time.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan. She died at Myrtle Memorial hospital in Harlan on Sunday, July 3, 1983 at the age of 80 years, 9 months and 19 days.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four sisters, Anna, Clara, Lena and Barbara; one brother, Nicholas; and also one grandson, John Miles. She is survived by one daughter, Ethel (Mrs Dean) Miles of Harlan; two sons, John and Allen, both of Denver, Colo.; eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; three sisters, Mary (Mrs Joe) Behrendt of Dunlap, Josephine (Mrs Joe) Huebert of Panama and Cecile Stinn of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan on Wednesday, July 6, 1983 with The Rev. Donald Bruck as celebrant.

Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Mike Bruck and Francis Funk as honorary casketbearers and Vince Schmitz, Jake Behrendt, Ole D. Olsen, Harold Huebert, Marcus J. Bruck and Herbert J. Funk serving as active casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.