

Olga "Ollie" Sorenson, 96

Dec. 15, 1908 - Aug. 21, 2005

HARLAN — Olga "Ollie" Katarina Sorenson, daughter of Michael and Catherine Kaufman Engel, was born Dec. 15, 1908, at Panama. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. She attended country school. After school, Ollie worked as a telephone operator in Panama until moving to Chicago where she was a maid for Knute Rockne.

Aug. 20, 1934, Ollie married Howard W. Sorenson at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Four children were born to this union, Darlene, Dean, Daryl, and Diane. After their marriage, the couple made their home in Corley for one year while Howard worked on a farm. They then moved to Harlan where she worked as a cook at Mickel's Family Restaurant for 35 years. She would also babysit for family and friends. Howard died Dec. 28, 1976. Ollie retired in 1984 and continued to make her home in Harlan. In 1999, she became a resident of the Elm Crest Retirement Community. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and the VFW Women's Auxiliary. She died Aug. 21, 2005, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 96 years, eight months and six days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Howard, Ollie was preceded in death by her children, Dean, Darlene, and Diane; sisters and brothers, Irene Engel, Dorothy Potter, Peter, John, Leo, Joe, and Martin Engel, and Ann Stoltz. Survivors include her son, Daryl Sorenson (Sandy) of Denison; sons-in-law, Joe Stein and Kenny Kimmen, both of Harlan; eight grandchildren, Cindy (Curt) Scheffler of Harlan; Keith Kimmen (Paula) of Carter Lake; Lisa Stein of Harlan; Dawn (Bill) Winnett of Harlan; Marty Stein (Angie) of Harlan; Terry Jacobsen (Karlene) of Harlan; Dean Sorenson (Karen) of Denison; Danny Sorenson of Des Moines; 16 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 24, 2005, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Nate Jacobsen, Curt Scheffler, Curtis Scheffler, Marty Stein, Dylan Kimmen, Matthew Stein, Michael Stein, and William Winnet honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Harry Nollen, Bill Winnett, Jay Rodacker, Terry Jacobsen, Kayle Kimmen and Keith Kimmen. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

