

## Phyllis M. Swanson, 79

*Sept. 21, 1922 - Nov. 22, 2001*

**HARLAN** – Phyllis Mary Swanson was born to Kathryn (Schulte) and Fred L. Kohles Sept. 21, 1922, in Earling. She was the fourth of 12 children. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, and attended St. Joseph's Catholic School graduating with the class of 1940. Following graduation, she was employed as a housekeeper for Leo Farmer and worked as a waitress in Harlan.

Aug. 21, 1941, she married Dale Everett Swanson at Harlan. To this union four children were born. After their marriage, they made their home in Harlan. She remained at home with the children while they were small, but in the mid 1960's, began doing book work for the family business, Swanson Automotive, and continued to do so until retiring in 1984. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church. She became a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Community in April 2001. Phyllis died at Elm Crest Retirement Community Nov. 22, 2001, at age 79 years, two months and one day.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dale Swanson, Sr.; an infant daughter, Janet Kay; sisters, Edna, Bernice, Agnes and Virginia; and one brother, Leo. She is survived by her sons, Dale Swanson, Jr. (Mary Jane) of Harlan; Kim Swanson (Barb) of Harlan; and Richard Swanson (Joyce) of Windsor, CO; eight grandchildren; five great grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Jean (Bill) Curran of Huntington Beach, CA; Mary Ann (Ed) Frese of Omaha, NE; Celine (Bill) Copeland of Council Bluffs; Kathryn "Kay" (Ken) McMullen of Council Bluffs; Fred Kohles (Joan) of Omaha, NE and Delbert Kohles (Sally) of Panama; sister-in-law, Wini Kohles of Villa Park, IL; brother-in-law, Don Feblowitz of California; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 26, 2001, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Jack McClure celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Scott McGregor, Ron Stitz, Dave Swanson, Dave Ohlinger, Ken Swanson, Bill Copeland and Mark McMullen casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

