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## Margaret Klare, avid gardener

Margaret H. Lundrigan Klare was first and foremost a homemaker, as evidenced by her membership in Homemakers of Fort Thomas and the St. Thomas and Newport Central Catholic Mothers Clubs.

"She was wonderful," said her daughter, Patricia Manegold of Ross, Ohio. "Mother and Daddy had a rough life financially, but raised us with the gift of faith."

Mrs. Klare, of Fort Thomas, died Monday at Highlands of Fort Thomas nursing home. She was 85.

Mrs. Klare was a young girl when her mother died and her father sent her and two of her three brothers to live at the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home in Fort Mitchell.

Her grandfather did that, Manegold said, to prevent the siblings from being separated.

She said her mother and two un-

cles were well-treated at the children's home, that her mother's youngest brother was reared by an aunt and that all four children stayed in touch with each other and their father.

Before marrying in 1936, Mrs. Klare worked a couple of years as a cook and maid for a wealthy Park Hills couple.

"They gave her a big, nice wedding," Manegold said.

Mrs. Klare was a member of the 55 Club at St. Thomas Church in Fort Thomas.

She also was an avid gardener and a member of the Fort Thomas Garden Club.

"She just loved her flowers and her yard," said Manegold. "One time she won an award for having the prettiest garden in Fort Thomas."

Manegold said her mother also loved her Irish heritage.

"We always drank green beer on St. Patrick's Day and had corned beef and cabbage."

Mrs. Klare's husband, John W. Klare, died in 1989.

Other survivors are sons, Jeff Klare of Union, Jerry Klare of Edgewood, Joe Klare of Fort Thomas and John Klare of Cincinnati; a brother, Edward Lundrigan of Mentor; 24 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Thomas Church.

Burial will be in St. Stephen Cemetery, Fort Thomas.

Memorials are suggested to the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home, 75 Orphanage Road, Fort Mitchell, Ky. 41017.