

A 69 yearold woman who was burned critically Sunday morning in a fire at her home at Midland died at 3 a.m. Tuesday at the St. Clair Medical Center at Morehead.

Mrs. Emma Collins, who lived alone, suffered burns from over 80 percent of her body.

About 9:30 a.m. Sunday a telephone conversation at the home of Earl James Norris was interrupted by screams and a woman calling for help. The only replies which Norris received in his effort to find out who was calling were low moans and he was unable to find out where the call was coming from.

Norris got into his pickup and drove around the area looking for signs of smoke or any strange signs. He saw smoke coming from Mrs. Collins' house.

After Norris kicked the front door down at 10:05 he and Joe Darrell, a next door neighbor, discovered Mrs. Collins lying behind it. Norris was slightly singed in the rescue effort.

The Salt Lick Fire Department arrived at that time but was unable to save the burning structure.

Mrs. Collins was taken from the Joe Darrell home to the hospital by ambulance.

A native of Germany, Mrs. Collins was the daughter of Otto Bethamn. She was a member of the Church of God.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Rosa Sparks, Lexington, and Mrs. Ruth Slone, Middletown, Ohio; one son, Norman Myers, Middletown, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. today at the Midland Church of God by the Rev. Guy McKenzie. Burial was in the Jones Cemetery.