

In Loving Memory of

Lidwina C. Rau

Born - March 17, 1903 - Rich Fountain, Missouri

Died - March 10, 1998 - Harlan, Iowa

Wake Service

Thursday, March 12, 1998 - 7:30 P.M.

Pauley Funeral Home - Harlan, Iowa

Mass of Christian Burial

Friday, March 13, 1998 - 10:30 A.M.

St. Mary, Our Lady of Fatima Church

Portsmouth, Iowa

Celebrant

Rev. Paul Bianchi

Organist

Deb Muell

Homilist

Msgr. Edward Kelly

Vocalist

Harold Huebner

Casket Bearers

Robert Rau

Michael Jones

David Gaul

Ray Shrader

Tom Kuether

Dennis Mumm

Wayne Bruck

Duane Mumm

Interment

St. Mary's Cemetery - Portsmouth, Iowa

An invitation is extended to the relatives and friends to meet with the family in the St. Mary's Parish Hall at the close of the committal service.

LIDWINA C. RAU

Lidwina Catherine Rau, daughter of Frank and Dora (Richter) Eisterhold, was born March 17, 1903, at Rich Fountain, Missouri. She attended grade school at Rich Fountain. In 1920, Lidwina came to Iowa to keep house for her brothers, Tony and Louie, who farmed south of Defiance, Iowa.

She met Gilbert Rau at a dance, and on November 27, 1923, Lidwina was united in marriage to Gilbert at St. Peters Catholic Church in Defiance. To this union fifteen children were born. After their marriage they farmed near Westphalia until 1944, when they moved to a farm near Portsmouth, Iowa. In 1955, they moved to a farm near Manilla, Iowa where they farmed until they retired in 1964. After their retirement Mr. and Mrs. Rau moved to Portsmouth where they made their home. Gilbert died on December 23, 1985, and Lidwina continued to reside in Portsmouth.

Lidwina is a member of St. Mary, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth and a member of the Catholic Daughter of Americas Court of St. Katherine No. 266 of Earling, Iowa. She enjoyed needle-point work, baking, playing pitch and loved to visit. Lidwina loved to quilt and was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Lidwina was preceded in death by her daughters, Marie Grote and Sr. Lita Rau O.S.F., her son Mike, four grandchildren, three great grandchildren, eight brothers and six sisters.

Survivors include her children - Dorothy and her husband Ferdinand Gaul of Earling, Iowa; Leo Rau and his wife Jane of Omaha, Nebraska; Zita and her husband Richard Bruck of Earling, Iowa; Alma Kramer of Harlan, Iowa; Leonard Rau and his wife Alice of Portsmouth, Iowa; Jeanette and her husband Richard Mikels of Portsmouth, Iowa; Martha Mumm of Harlan, Iowa; Verla and her husband Charles Mumm of Dunlap, Iowa; Mervin and her husband Ron Corbin of Kerrville, Texas; Patricia Gordon Kuether of Pierce, Nebraska; Gilbert Rau and his wife Mary Ann of Lander, Wyoming; Judy and her husband Richard Jones of Omaha, Nebraska; ninety-four grandchildren; three step grandchildren; one hundred forty-nine great grandchildren; and nine step great grandchildren; twenty-five great great grandchildren and one step great great grandchild; other relatives and many friends.