



Anna Marie Arkfeld, 90

Dec. 6, 1922 - May 31, 2013

HARLAN — Anna Marie Arkfeld was born on December 6, 1922 to Henry and Anna (Walters) Schmieding on the family farm near Panama. She was baptized at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama and received her Holy Communion and was confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. She attended country school in Dunlap.



January 10, 1944, Anna Marie was united in marriage to Clarence Arkfeld at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap. They became parents to nine children: Robert, Delores, Ron, Gerald, Dennis, Dave, Joe, Mary Lee, and Mark. They farmed for fifty years in the Defiance area. After Clarence retired from farming in 1980, they moved to Harlan where they became members of St. Michael's Catholic Church. She enjoyed gardening and tending to her flowers. She loved to crochet and made over sixty afghans that she gave to her family and friends. She also enjoyed bowling, playing cards, especially pitch, and square dancing and ballroom dancing. Everyone loved her cooking but her favorite thing was making her "famous pecan rolls" for family, friends, and her grandchildren. Anna Marie's faith was very important to her and she was a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Katherine No. 266 of Earling. After her husband's death in 2003, she continued to live in Harlan until September of 2010 when she became a resident of Avoca Assisted Living. In July of 2012, she became a resident at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center in Avoca. It was there that she died on Friday, May 31, 2013 having attained the age of ninety years, five months, and twenty-five days.

Anna Marie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her son Robert and her sister Marita Andersen. She is survived by her children: Dee and her husband Ken Hoffman of Omaha, NE, Ronald Arkfeld and his wife Jan of Defiance, Jerry Arkfeld and his wife Carolyn of Omaha, Denny Arkfeld and his wife Char of Harlan, David Arkfeld of Omaha, Joseph Arkfeld and his wife Mary of Valley, NE, Mary Lee Passmore of Omaha, and Mark Arkfeld and his wife Lori of Defiance; twenty-five grandchildren; twenty-three great grandchildren; brother Hank Schmieding of Omaha, sisters: Lucille Michalski of Omaha, Betty and her husband Carroll Cox of Council Bluffs, and Margaret "Boots" and her husband Elmer Wageman of Defiance; other family members and friends.

The 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. John Frost on Monday, June 3, 2013 at St. Michael's Catholic Church



in Harlan. Music was provided by Kate Kohorst and Maryalyce Dotzler. Serving as casket bearers were Rodney Arkfeld, Kevin Arkfeld, Nathan Arkfeld, Tom Arkfeld, Nick Arkfeld, Wayne Hoffmann, Jason Arkfeld, and Scott Passmore. Interment was held at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance.



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