

**Martha Ann Anastasi,**  
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**June 10, 1933 - March 31, 2017**

**HARLAN** – Martha Ann Anastasi, daughter of Isabelle (Foxhoven) and Michael Stein was born June 10, 1933 in Portsmouth. Martha was baptized, received her first communion and confirmation at St. Mary's Church in Portsmouth. She attended rural school in Portsmouth and grew up on her parent's farm north of Portsmouth.



On November 27, 1950 she married Ted Anastasi at St. Mary's Church in Portsmouth. After their marriage they lived on a farm north of Harlan for 25 years. They then moved to live in Harlan. Two children were born to this union, Linda and Ted Jr.

Martha was a member of St. Michael's Church and St. Michael's Guild. Martha went back to school and got her GED then attended Stewards Beauty School in Council Bluffs and graduated in June 1970. In September of that year she opened Martha's Cut & Curl on their farm north of Harlan. Martha also had a beauty shop at the Baptist Memorial Home. In 1977 she moved to the city of Harlan where she and her husband bought the Harlan Trailer Court and she moved her beauty shop there also. Martha retired in 1998 from her beauty shop and continued running the trailer court with her husband till his death in 2001. Martha sold the trailer court then moved into another house down the street and then to a duplex. She continued to take care of people in their own homes till she got sick in 2013 and was no longer able to work. On February 25, 2016 Martha fell and had to move to Elm Crest Retirement Home where she lived till her death March 31, 2017.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Ted Jr. October 1981, husband Ted January 2001, and one brother Raymond. Martha is survived by her daughter Linda (Bruce) Burger of Harlan; three grandsons Galen (Jinger) Gaer of Laguna Vista, TX; Kelly (April) Gaer of Silver Lake, KS; Nicholas (Tracy) Gaer of Council Bluffs; three great-grandsons Brett and Isaiah Gaer of Harlan; Carter Gaer of Silver Lake, KS; three great-granddaughters Raven Gaer, of Florida, Keeley and Lauren Gaer of Silver Lake, KS; three sisters Cecilia (Don) Morton of Elkhart; Mary Schiernbeck of Altoona; Marlene Butts of Cedar Rapids; four brothers Francis Stein of Omaha, NE; Joe and Bernard (Mary Ann) Stein of Harlan and Nick (Alice) Stein of Montana; two sisters-in-law Marilyn Stein of Atlantic; Annette Anastasi of Texas; many nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

An 11 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. John Frost and concelebrated by Rev. Don Bruck on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at the St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Galen Gaer served as honorary urn bearer. Kelly Gaer and Nicholas Gaer served as urn bearers. Inurnment was held at the Harlan Cemetery in Harlan, Iowa.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.