

Marie Blum, 75

April 17, 1930 - July 22, 2005

HARLAN — Marie Cecilia Blum, daughter of Peter C. and Frances B. Gross Mumm, was born April 17, 1930, on a farm near Earling. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. She attended school at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling. It was on the family farm that she grew to adulthood.

Sept. 7, 1950, Marie married Donald R. Blum at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Eight children were born to this union, Michael, Gary, Patty, Timothy, Thomas, Julie, Ann and Amy. After their marriage, they farmed near Defiance until Don's retirement in 1991. Marie also worked at Communication Data Services in Harlan until December of 1994, when she began working part-time until her retirement in 2002. Marie and Donald moved to Harlan in 1997. Donald died May 14, 2000. She was a member of St. Peter's Altar Society, St. Peter's Parish Council, and St. Michael's Guild. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church at the time of her death. She died July 22, 2005, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 75 years, three months and five days.

In addition to her parents, and her husband, Donald, Marie was preceded in death by her brothers, Austin and Ivo. Survivors include her children, Michael Blum (Linda) of Manilla; Gary Blum (Ann) of Earling; Patty (Jerry) Lally of Denison; Timothy Blum (Dianne) of Portsmouth; Thomas Blum and his friend, Marla of Denison; Julie (Michael) Dresen of Earling; Ann Mayne and her fiancé, Brent "Curly" Hansen of Harlan; Amy (Jon) Rodacker of Harlan; 14 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren with a fifth expected in November; her brothers and sisters, Joan Sondag of Portsmouth; Rita (James) Kloewer of Panama; Francis Mumm (Marilyn) of Dunlap; Charles Mumm (Verla) of Earling; Jerome Mumm (Shirley) of Harlan; Bernice (Eugene) Stolz of Omaha, NE; Ray Mumm (Mary) of Ute; Robert Mumm (Diana) of Gilman; her brother-in-law, George Stolz of Earling and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held July 26, 2005, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance with Rev. Michael Berner Celebrant. Honorary casket bearers were Jenna Blum, Emma Lally, Paige Blum, Claire Dresen, Hope Blum, Joanie Buller, Rebecca Dresen, Elizabeth Dresen, Rachel Weber and Dawn Kuehnhold. Casket bearers were Craig Blum, Jesse Blum, Kevin Blum, Jason Kuehnhold, Nathan Lally, Matthew Blum and Jesse Kuehnhold. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

