

Mary Clare Bowman, 80

Aug. 17, 1936 - Oct. 3, 2016

HARLAN — Mary Clare Stolz Bowman, the daughter of Frank Joseph and Violet Merle (Ames) Stolz, was born on August 17, 1936, in Kirkman. She attended Harlan schools, where she acted in plays such as "The Case of the Crushed Petunias", and received top honors in music contests. Mary Clare graduated from Harlan High School in 1954, and remained connected with her classmates throughout the years. She was a talented vocalist, and as a teenager, was active in the St. Michael's Catholic Church congregation, singing at weddings and funerals.



Shortly after graduating from high school, Mary Clare married. She had three children, and raised them as a single parent in Omaha, NE, and the surrounding area. During her young adulthood, she, along with two instrumentalists, formed a musical group, and she enjoyed using her musical talents while performing with this group.

Mary Clare worked in the Omaha Symphony office, and then later was employed as a rehabilitation counselor for Goodwill in Omaha. In 1988, she moved to Harlan to care for her aging parents. She then worked at CDS and Shelby County Monument.

Mary Clare was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. She was an active community volunteer, working with the Red Cross Bloodmobile and the Myrtue Medical Center Auxiliary. Mary Clare was an active member of the Harlan Lioness Club, and had received the Lioness of the Year award. Mary Clare Bowman died on Monday, October 3, 2016, at Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling, having reached the age of 80 years, 1 month, and 16 days.

Mary Clare was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Charles Stolz; and one sister, Dolores Wohlhutter. She is survived by her three children, Cynthia (Greg) Bennet, Tony (Jane) Horning, and Tim Horning; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and other relatives and friends. Her children recognized and greatly appreciated her sacrifices for their benefit.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, October 6, 2016, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Father John Frost celebrating. John Rosman served as the musician. Private burial of ashes was in the Harlan Cemetery, Harlan. Condolences may be left online at www.burmeisterjohannsen.com.

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