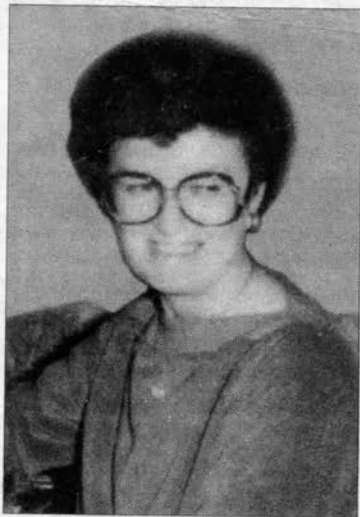


## Margaret Dennis, 95

Dec. 31, 1919 - March 31, 2015

**HARLAN** — Margaret Mary Dennis was born on December 31, 1919 to Frank and Anna (Laherty) McCoy in Obert, NE. She was baptized and confirmed in Hartington, NE, where she attended school, graduating from Hartington High School. She furthered her education at Wayne State Teachers College.

Margaret taught school for a short time before her marriage to Philip Dennis on December 25, 1940, in Milligan, NE. They became parents to five children: Mary Jo, Christine, Patricia, Roger, and David. Margaret kept the household running while Philip was serving his country in the United States Army during World War II. After his discharge, they made their home in Carroll before settling in Harlan in 1982. They joined St. Michael's Catholic Church where she remained a lifelong member. Margaret enjoyed golfing, playing bridge, knitting afghans, and loved to read. She and Phil would travel to Arizona and vacation there for the winter, returning to their home every spring. Margaret stayed in her home until 2007 when she became a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Home. It was at Elm Crest that Margaret died on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, having attained the age of ninety-five years and three months.



Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Philip, granddaughter Cara Riley, all of her brothers: Mark, Francis, Joseph, William, John, and Ray McCoy and sister Anna Mae Yates. She is survived by her children: Mary Jo Riley and Donald Laubach of Lakefield, MN, Christine Dennis of Elkhorn, NE, Patricia Scheer of Chicago, IL, Roger Dennis of Des Moines, and David Dennis and his wife Ellen of Cedar Rapids; nine grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; other family members and many friends.

Rev. John Frost officiated the 10:30 a.m. funeral service on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Music was provided by Kathleen Kohorst and vocalist Jan Rau. Serving as casket bearers were Donald Laubach, David Dennis, Robert Callahan, Samuel Steele, Jim Scheer, Matthew Callahan, Jeff Thee, and Tom Riley. Interment was held at the Harlan Cemetery.

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