

## Bernita E. Donlin, 74

*Sept. 1, 1925 - May 22, 2000*

**HARLAN** – Bernita Ellen Donlin, daughter of Harry and Agnes (Crawford) Lepley, was born Sept. 1, 1923, in Omaha, NE. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Catholic Church in Omaha. Bernita attended and graduated from St. John's Catholic School in Omaha.

She married Robert Edward Donlin Dec. 1, 1945, at St. John's Catholic Church in Omaha. Nine children were born to this union. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Harlan. Bernita was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and St. Michael's Guild in Harlan, the Vice Chairman of the Myrtue Memorial Hospital fund drive committee, and a member of Myrtue Memorial Hospital Medical Wives Auxiliary. The Governor of Iowa decorated Bernita for her services to the PRIDE organization. She was very involved with AA, Alanon and Al-a-teen programs. Bernita also had her pilots license. She died May 22, 2000, in St. Louis, MO, at St. John's Hospital at age 74 years, eight months and 21 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant son, Michael, and a grandson, Ryan. Survivors include her husband, Dr. Robert Donlin of Harlan; her children, Shirin (Wayne) Taylor of Blair, NE; John Donlin (Carol) of Colorado Springs, CO; Mike Donlin (Deby) of Sugar Land, TX; Pat Donlin (Jane) of Lincoln, NE; Molly (Rick) Snow of Omaha, NE; Dan Donlin of Bellevue, NE; Kellie Donlin of Omaha, NE; Sean (Gina) Donlin of St. Louis, MO; 19 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; her sister, Patricia (Lou) Piccolo of Omaha, NE; her brother, Bill Lepley (Marilyn) of Omaha, NE; her mother-in-law, Mary Donlin of Harlan; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 25, 2000, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Harlan, with Rev. Howard Fitzgerald celebrating assisted by the Rev. Mr. Pat Davitt. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Rick Snow, Jeremy Donlin, Tim Donlin, Colin Donlin, Troy Donlin and Wayne Taylor casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

