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Coletta Duke, 87

March 27, 1917 - Oct. 28, 2004

HARLAN — Coletta M. Duke, the daughter of August and Frances Susan Weis Reding, was born March 27, 1917, at Earling, Union Township. She was baptized at St. Joseph's in Earling. She attended country school and St. Paul's Catholic High School in Defiance. She was confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance.

Coletta married Guyle (Nick) Herbert Duke Jan. 22, 1937, in Earling. After their marriage, they made their home in Harlan. Coletta worked with her husband for many years for the Farm Service Coop. She also worked several years at the City Hall in Harlan. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Due to ill health, Coletta was a resident at Elm Crest Retirement Center in Harlan for the last 13 years. She died Oct. 28, 2004, in Harlan, at age 87 years, seven months and one day.

In addition to her parents, Coletta is preceded in death by her husband, Guyle "Nick" Duke, Jan. 9, 1979, and her brother, Irmin. Survivors include her sister, Rita (Ted) Albracht of Sioux City; her brother, Germain (Armella) Reding of Omaha, NE; sister-in-law, Marie Reding of Manilla; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 30, 2004, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Jeff Reding, Garland Barrett, Larry Reding, Larry Wunder, Regina Werthmann and Ted Albracht casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

