

Bernice Feser, 78

April 23, 1928 - March 22, 2007

HARLAN – Bernice Schulte Feser was born April 23, 1928, to William and Anna Schulte of Earling. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, where she also completed her education. After completing high school, she became a nanny and took care of the children of Dr. Stoner in Omaha, NE. Later she worked at a sweet corn factory in Harlan.

Oct. 3, 1950, Bernice married Leo Feser at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. For a short time they made their home in Harlan. Three children were born to this union: two sons, Leslie and Dale, and one daughter, Karen. Bernice ran the household and raised the children while Leo was out on the road trucking. When they moved to the farm in 1963, she stayed busy helping Leo with the hogs and other activities of farm life.

Bernice was diagnosed with leukemia Feb. 14, 2007, admitted to Alegent Health Mercy Hospital Feb. 19, 2007, and it was there that she died March 22, 2007, at age seventy-eight years, ten months, and twenty-seven days.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Leo, her son Leslie, her brothers Lawrence, John, Raymond, and Howard, and her sisters Frances Irwin, Ellen Stoll, and Helen Carey. She is survived by her children: Dale Feser of Defiance, and Karen (Dennis) Boger of Dallas Center; her grandchildren: Teri (Tyler) Reihmann, Daniel Boger, Holly Feser, Kelsey Feser, and Zachary Feser; her brother and sisters: Alice Carey of Harlan, Theresa Blum of Walnut, Agnes (Leo) Gaul of Harlan, Paul (Agnes) Schulte of Carroll, and Josephine Kwapiszeski of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held March 26, 2007, with Rev. Bob Hoefler officiating at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Casket bearers were Teri Reihmann, Daniel Boger, Holly Feser, Kelsey Feser, Zachary Feser, Tyler Stessman, and Brian Stessman. Burial was held at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan in charge of arrangements

