

Mary Louise Jones, 86

June 8, 1913 - Feb. 10, 2000

CO. BLUFFS – Mary was born June 8, 1913, on a farm near McClelland, the third child of Rosa and Edward Torneton. As a child, she and her six siblings did farm chores. The children would ride their horses to catechism class at St. Columbanus in Weston. During high school, Mary lived in an apartment on Glen Avenue in Co. Bluffs, until she graduated from St. Francis High school in 1931. After high school, she entered Mercy Hospital School of Nursing and graduated in 1934. She went to California to begin her nursing career. Mary was there a short time but returned home to take care of her ill mother. She continued her nursing at St. Bernard's and Mercy Hospitals in Co. Bluffs.

In 1936 she met Everett Jones. They married April 30, 1938, at St. Peter's Catholic Church Rectory in Co. Bluffs. Over the following eight years four children were born, Lynn, Richard, Jean and Marilynn. In 1959, she resumed her nursing career, returning to the Mercy Hospital System and also as a school nurse for the Iowa School for the Deaf. She died Feb. 10, 2000, at age 86.

She was preceded in death by a son, Lynn Richard Jones, and husband, Everett Richard Jones. She is survived by a son, Richard (Christine) Jones of Harlan; two daughters, Jean (Roger) Olson and Marilynn (Joseph) Leggio, all of Co. Bluffs; a daughter-in-law, Sharon Jones of Omaha, NE; 11 grandchildren, Deborah (Rowly) Burton, Irwin; Deanne Petersen; Richard T. (Mary Beth) Jones; Michael P. (Becky) Jones, all of Harlan; Mary Beth (Scott) Andersen, Monroe; Nicole (Derek) Severn, Omaha;Carolynn Storm, Co. Bluffs; Kirk Storm, Des Moines; Jennifer (Jeff) Gerstner, Olathe, KS; Jackie Grote and Andrea (Brian) Bashore, all of Co. Bluffs; 19 great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 15, 2000, at the St. Peter's Catholic Church, Co. Bluffs, with Rev. Chuck Kotas officiating. Casket bearers were Jackie Grote, Pat Mooberry, Jeff Petersen, Nicole Severn, Kirk Storm and Justin Petersen. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.