

Wanda M. Jurschak, 83

Sept. 10, 1918 - March 23, 2002

PORTSMOUTH – Wanda Mildred Jurschak was born to Helen (Rosman) and John Buman Sept. 10, 1918, on a farm near Tennant. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth. Wanda was a member of the Tennant High School Graduating Class of 1936. She attended Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart in Omaha, NE, where she excelled in women's sports.

Dec. 30, 1941, she married Joseph F. Jurschak at St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth. To this union seven children were born. After their wedding, they farmed near Portsmouth. She was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, the Women's Birthday Club and WOW's (Widow or Widower's Club). She died March 23, 2002, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 83 years, six months and 13 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, May 10, 1981; one daughter, Marilyn Stonier; one son, Robert Jurschak; brothers, Edwin and Kenneth Buman; and one sister, Corinne Anastasi. She is survived by her children, Karen (Jack) Clark of Wildwood, MO; Gwen (Fred) Sidles of Scottsdale, AZ; Marlene (Steve) Burnham of Palm Desert, CA; Joseph Jurschak (Heidi) of Evergreen, CO, and Kenneth Jurschak of Phoenix, AZ; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; one sister, Bernice (Joe) Schomer of Harlan; sisters-in-law, Leona Buman of Harlan; Lucille Jurschak of Portsmouth; Mary Ann Schwinderman of Harlan and Dr. Gertrude Jurschak of Omaha, NE; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated March 26, 2002, at St. Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Portsmouth, with the Rev. Paul Bianchi celebrant and the Rev. Jack McClure, C.P.P.S. concelebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Portsmouth, with Bob Kohorst, John Buman II, Tom Reinig, Bob Anastasi, Jeffery Martin, John Clark and Don Chamberlain casket bearers, Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

