

Ruth Kuster, 85

Dec. 4, 1925 - Dec. 7, 2010

HARLAN — Ruth Celeste Kuster was born on December 4, 1925 to William and Anna (Cummins) Kean near Dawson, NE. She won the Nebraska Spelling Bee while in grade school. After high school, she attended Peru Teachers College, obtained her emergency teacher's certificate and began teaching at Persia High School. She later received a bachelor's degree from Dana College and began teaching at Tri-Center School District, where she remained until her retirement in 1974. She was a dedicated English teacher and took great pride in how well her students did in their college years. She played violin with the Omaha Symphony during the mid-1940's. She also taught religious education at St. Anne's in Logan.



Mutual friends set her up on a blind date with Kenneth Kuster which blossomed into love. The couple was married on September 15, 1948, in Dawson, NE. Three children were born to them: Terry, Kathleen, and Chuck. Ruth died on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, having attained the age of eighty-five years and three days.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers John and Bill. She is survived by her husband of sixty-two years, Kenneth Kuster of Harlan; her children Terry Kuster and his wife Linda of East Kingston, NH, Kathleen and her husband Terry King of Muncie, IN, and Chuck Kuster and his wife Joanne of Johnston; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sisters Helen Wells of Sabetha, KS, Marie Nester of Rio Rancho, NM, and Virginia Moran of Jamestown, ND; other family members and friends.

Rev. John Frost celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, December 10, 2010 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Interment was held in the Harlan Cemetery with Dan Kuster, Jake Kuster, Terry King, Aaron Shell, Bob Schmitz, and Michael Cain serving as casket bearers.

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