

Lucille Koch, 87

Jan. 22, 1929 - March 4, 2016

PANAMA — Lucille Koch was born January 22, 1929 to Kasper and Margaret (Mahlberg) Konz in Panama. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. She attended country school then graduated from St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic School with the class of 1946.

May 4, 1949, Lucille was united in marriage to Linus Koch at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. After their marriage, the Koch family lived and farmed near Panama. Six children were born to this union: Roger, Dennis, Glen, Mary Ann, Timothy and Margaret.

In 1970, Linus and Lucille moved to a farm west of Portsmouth, which they later purchased. While the children were growing up, Lucille was a homemaker and was involved in 4-H as a club leader. She also worked as a school cook and fulfilled magazine orders. Lucille died on Friday, March 4, 2016 at the Little Flower Haven in Earling having attained the age of eighty-seven years, one month and eleven days.

Lucille was preceded in death by her parents, Kasper and Margaret Konz; her son Dennis; and two great grandbabies. She is survived by her husband Linus Koch of Panama; her children: Roger Koch and his wife Marion of Creve Coeur, MO; Glen Koch and his wife Elaine of Sioux Falls, SD; Mary Ann and her husband John Wendt, Jr. of Panama; Timothy Koch and his wife Barbara of Albert City; and Margaret and her husband Gary Schroeder of Essex; thirteen grandchildren; three step grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; other family members and many friends.

Father Paul Koch presided over the 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, with homilist Father Eugene Koch and concelebrant Rev. David Smith, S. J. Music was provided by accompanist Jodie Wingert, St. Mary's Choir, Marty Schmidt, and Katelyn Kluver. Serving as casket bearers were Todd Koch, Joshua Koch, Wren Koch, Greg Koch, Dennis Wendt, and Jeremy Poore. Burial was held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama,



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