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Irene Loehr, 95 June 26, 1899 - Mar. 31, 1995

Defiance - Irene Marie Loehr, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Kuhl) Weiland was born June 26, 1899 at Earling. She was baptized at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. In 1905, she along with her parents and family moved to a farm northwest of Defiance. She attended school, was confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance and grew to adulthood in the Defiance area. After completing her education she worked in a cafe and for other area families.

June 17, 1929 she married Edwin M. Loehr at Defiance. Three children were born to this union. After they were married, they lived in Ornaha until 1932 at which time they moved to a farm northwest of Defiance. They continued to live on the farm until 1978, when they retired and moved into Defiance. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, St. Peter's Altar Society and of the Catholic Daughter of America Court St. Katherine #266 of Earling. April 29, 1986 she became a resident of Manilla Manor at Manilla, where she has remained a resident until she died March 31, 1995 at age 95 years, nine months and five days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Edwin, May 11, 1986, after 56 years of marriage; her grandson Ron Schneider Dec. 23, 1983; brothers and sisters, Martha Weiland, Marcus Weiland, Mildred Goeser, Lenora Hickey and E.J. (Hi) Weiland. She is survived by her daughters - Joan (Urban) Schneider of Harlan, Ruth and her late husband Brian Hogan of Leawood, KS and Edna (Fred) Brucoli of Quaker Hill, CT, ten grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held April 3, 1995 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance with Rev. Thomas Crowley celebrant. Burial was in Sts. Peter & Paul cemetery in Defiance with Amy Hogan, Mike Hogan, Julie Hogan, Andrea Brucoli and Dave Schneider honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Edward Goeser, Nick Hogan, Marcus Brucoli, Phil Schneider, Bob Schneider and Gary Schneider. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.