

Josephine Langenfeld, 86

March 13, 1923 - Aug. 23, 2009

DOW CITY — Josephine Annabelle Langenfeld was born March 13, 1923, the daughter of Matthew and Barbara Engel Domino. She died on August 23, 2009, at Liberty Village Manor Court in Peoria, IL, at the age of eighty-six.

Josephine was born in Westphalia, and was baptized in Christ at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. She received her education at St. Boniface and graduated in 1941 from St. Boniface Catholic High School.

February 15, 1943, Josephine married her high school sweetheart, Linus Langenfeld. She joined him at Staten Island where she worked as a

secretary until he was honorably discharged from the United States Army in 1946. Together they returned to Shelby County, where they farmed northwest of Westphalia for seven years. In 1957, they purchased a farm southwest of Buck Grove, and farmed for twenty-seven years. In 1984, the couple retired and made their home in Dow City. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Her family was most important to her, as well as her faith. She lovingly cared for her husband in their home for sixteen years following his stroke. She was a hard worker and kept busy with gardening and baking. She was an excellent cook and found joy in preparing food for anyone who crossed her threshold. She also enjoyed playing cards and had a wonderful sense of humor. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church and formerly of St. Boniface. She was a member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court of St. Katherine #266 of Earling.

Josephine was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Linus; two infant children; two sisters: Marie and Margaret; and five brothers: Mike, Leo, Ray, Pete and Matthew. Survivors include two sons: Jim and his wife, Dee; and Gene and his wife, Lanette; four daughters: Barbara and her husband, Norm; Deb and her husband, Jim; Joan and her husband, Dan; and Lisa and her husband, John; nineteen grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Mass of Christian burial was held at 10 a.m., Friday, August 28, 2009, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. Fr. John Dorton served as Celebrant of the Mass and Fr. John Cain as Concelebrant, with interment in St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery. Organist Gloria Schmitz provided accompaniment for the St. Boniface Church Choir and soloist Jan Rau. Readers were Kate and Sarah Rochford; Eucharistic ministers were Deb Rochford and Ruth Ahart; servers were Tyler Grober and Elisabeth Grober; gift bearers were Nichole Montoya, Nesha Thompson and Kelli Houston; eulogist was Barbara Fletcher. Serving as pallbearers were Christopher Houston, Nicholas Rochford, Matthew Fletcher, Chad Langenfeld, Joshua Langenfeld, Benjamin Grober, Luke Langenfeld and Jeffrey Fletcher. A prayer service was held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The family invited everyone to join them in fellowship and lunch at the St. Boniface Parish Center.



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