

Mary Ann Lapke, 63

Jan. 30, 1943 - Nov. 6, 2006

DUNLAP — Mary Ann (Gross) Lapke was born Jan. 30, 1943, to Alban and Lavina (Kaufmann) Gross in Harlan. She grew up in Earling and graduated from St. Joseph Catholic School in 1961. She attended Mercy Nursing School in Council Bluffs and then Creighton University and received a degree as a Registered Nurse.

Mary Ann married Ed Lapke Dec. 29, 1964, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Earling. She worked at Little Flower Haven Nursing Home for a short time right after she was married and then as the kids got older she worked part-time at the Dunlap Nursing Home before she became the nurse at the Dunlap Public School in 1979, where she was still working. Mary Ann was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Catholic Daughters, and Altar Society. She taught CCD classes and coordinated this program for many years. She also looked after a number of people around the community. She died Nov. 6, 2006, in Dunlap at age 63 years, nine months and seven days.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her father, Alban Gross, and her nephew, Chad Erlbacher. She is survived by her husband, Ed Lapke of Dunlap; three sons, Chuck (Michelle) Lapke of Overland Park, KS; John (Kari) Lapke and Tim (Jamie) Lapke, all of Logan; two daughters, Susān (Kris) Walski of Logan and Jennifer (Steve) Puck of Dunlap; 10 grandchildren; her mother, Lavina Gross of Earling; eight siblings, Joan (Bill) Erlbacher of Earling; Kathleen (Tom) Leuschen of Flower Mound, TX; Duane (Liz) Gross of Omaha, NE; Damian Gross of Logan; Dean Gross of Cedar Rapids; Declan (Gayla) Gross of Earling; David Gross of Des Moines; and Jeanne (Tom) Filby of Omaha, NE; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Nov. 9, 2006, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap, with Rev. Paul Strittmatter celebrating. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Dunlap with Duane Gross, Damian Gross, Declan Gross, Dave Gross and Bill Erlbacher casket bearers. Fouts Funeral Home in Dunlap in charge of arrangements.

