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Joanne Lefebber, 70

March 13, 1932 - Jan. 21, 2003

PORTSMOUTH – Joanne Helen Lefebber was born March 13, 1932, to Anton and Barbara (Bissen) Frank near Earling. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and was a graduate of St. Joseph's Catholic High School in Earling.

July 14, 1953, she married Eugene Lefebber at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. To this union eight children were born. The couple farmed and made their home near Portsmouth, where Joanne was a homemaker and mother. She was a member of St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth. She and Eugene dedicated 18 years of their lives supporting Concerned, Incorporated helping the handicapped. She died Jan. 21, 2003, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 70 years, 10 months and nine days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Peggy Lefebber, Feb. 12, 1992, and brother, Ernest Frank. She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Eugene Lefebber of Portsmouth; her children, Dan Lefebber (Charlene) of Portsmouth; Diane (Tom) Butler of Harlan; Julie (Bob) McCool of Tennant; Kathy (Dick) Keane of Panama; Randy Lefebber of Dow City; Rick Lefebber (Janet) of Harlan and Kelly Lefebber (Jennifer) of Harlan; 18 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Ella Marie Schwarte of Harlan; Viola Lahr of Dunlap; James Frank of Omaha, NE; her twin sister, Jeannie (Joe) Sandbothe of Council Bluffs; Owen Frank of Omaha, NE and Francis Frank (Maria) of Las Vegas, NV; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 24, 2003, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth, with the Rev. Michael G. Peters celebrating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Portsmouth, with Josh Lefebber, Lisa McCool Becker, Abby Lefebber, Dylan Lefebber, Katilyn Lefebber, James Lefebber, Emily Lefebber, Kristi Butler, Nicole Lefebber, Michelle Keane and Jessica Keane honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Chad Butler, Tim Pederson, Brad Butler, Ryan Lefebber, Mike Butler, Kevin Lefebber, David McCool and Shawn McCool. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

