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## Beatrice Munchrath, 91

*Nov. 4, 1912 - Jan. 16, 2004*

**DEFIANCE** – Beatrice M. Munchrath, daughter of Chris and Barbara Thielen Munchrath, was born Nov. 4, 1912, on a farm near Earling. She was baptized at St. Joseph's Church in Earling. The family relocated to Defiance, and Beatrice was confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. She also attended St. Paul's Catholic School in Defiance. After finishing school, Beatrice would help out with the chores on the family farm. She took care of her mother and lived at home with her mother until her mother's death in October of 1975. After her mother's death, she continued to live on the family farm outside of Defiance. In 1996, Beatrice became a resident of Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling. She was a lifelong member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. She died Jan. 16, 2004, at Little Flower Haven Nursing Home at age 91 years, two months and 12 days.

In addition to her parents, Beatrice was preceded in death by two brothers, Leo Munchrath and Ralph Munchrath. Survivors include her brother, Delbert Munchrath of Kansas City, MO, formerly of Defiance, and nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Jan. 19, 2004, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Honorary casket bearer was Adam Campbell. Casket bearers were Mike Meier, Bob Munchrath, Dick Munchrath, Brian Munchrath, Rick Synder and Mark Munchrath. Burial was held at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Defiance. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan, in charge of arrangements.

