

Donna Jean Amelia Murray, 61

March 8, 1937 - Oct. 31, 1998

HARLAN - Donna Jean Amelia Murray, daughter of Aloysius and Amelia (Thraen) Heese, was born March 8, 1937, at Tennant. She attended school in Tennant through ninth grade and then attended school in Irwin. While in school, she played basketball. After her graduation in 1955, she moved to Omaha, where she lived with her grandparents and worked at Mutual of Omaha.

May 7, 1957, she married Junior Murray of Irwin. They became parents of four children. While raising her family she worked at Gambles, did babysitting and worked at Mickel's. The family moved to Harlan in 1987. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital Oct. 31, 1998, at age 61 years, seven months and 23 days.

Donna Jean was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Dale "Junior" Murray of Harlan; her daughter, Kathy (Lloyd) Houston of Walnut; her sons, Jerry Murray (Cathy Joe) of Harlan; David Murray of Co. Bluffs; Marty Murray (Tammy) of Mt. Carmel; six grandchildren; her brothers, LeRoy Heese (Jeannie) of Defiance; Ralph Heese (Joann) of Tennant; Ron Heese (Lois) of Kirkman and Stanley Heese (Susie) of Carthage, MO; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Nov. 4, 1998, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Howard Fitzgerald celebrant and Rev. Robert Brown concelebrating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Brad Murray, Dalton Murray, Ryan Murray, Kaitlin Murray, John Houston and Phillip Houston honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Tim Heese, Travis Smith, Dana Tuma, Jeremy Smith, Ryan Newell and Andy Heese. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

