

## Marie Elizabeth Monahan, 95 ✓

Nov. 7, 1922 - Dec. 15, 2017

**PANAMA** – Marie Elizabeth Monahan, daughter of Frank and Mary (Jurgensmier) Miller, was born November 7, 1922 at her parents' home in Panama. She was baptized on November 19, 1922 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. She attended country school until the eighth grade.

On October 5 1943, Marie was united in marriage to Charles Monahan at St. Mary's of the Assumption in Panama. Nine children were born to this union: Darlene, Patrick, Lois, Marilyn, Michael, Donna, Dorothy, Phillip, and Gregory. Marie helped Charles on the farm, she also worked at Western Iowa Pork. She then went to cook at Red's Café for sometime and then cooked at Baptist Home, where she retired.

Marie enjoyed spending time gardening, embroidering, baking pies, couponing, and coloring in adult coloring books. She would spend time at the senior center playing cards. She learned to drive at the age of 50. Marie was a long time member of Catholic Daughters and St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan.

Marie died on December 15, 2017 at Avoca Specialty Care in Avoca, Iowa, attaining the age of ninety-five years, one month, and eight days. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Charles Monahan, daughters Lois Monahan, Donna Moore, Dorothy Miller, great-great grandson Jaxson Dodson; siblings Helen Monahan, Dorothy Miller, Edward Miller, and Francis Miller.

Left to cherish Marie's memory are her children Darlene and her husband Chuck Montgomery of Yuba City, CA; Patrick Monahan and his wife Ruth of Earling; Marilyn Ahrens of Council Bluffs; Mike Monahan and his wife Barb of Council Bluffs; Phil Monahan of Harlan; Greg Monahan of Omaha, NE; 19 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; sisters Margaret Patten of Omaha, NE; Theresa Kenkel of Missouri Valley; nieces and nephews, other family members and friends.

An 11 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. John Frost at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan on Wednesday, December 20, 2017. Mike Monahan, Joe Thraen, Jacob Thraen, Jason Smith, Nathan Hipsher, and Andy Rietveld served as Casket Bearers. Marc and Alan Kowalewski served as Honorary Casket Bearers. Interment was held at Harlan Cemetery in Harlan.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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