

Susan B. Petsche, 94

March 29, 1906 - Nov. 23, 2000

HARLAN – Susan Barbara Petsche was born March 29, 1906, to Mary (Fromm) and John Klein on a farm north of Harlan. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. She grew to adulthood on the farm attending country school and St. Boniface Catholic School in Westphalia.

May 6, 1930, she married George Petsche at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Seven children were born to this union. Prior to marriage, Susan was employed as a waitress at the Harlan Cafe, later assisting her husband and then her sons as book-keeper for Petsche Plumbing of Harlan. After George Petsche's death in 1962, she continued to make her home in Harlan, where she was an active member of the St. Michael's Catholic Church and St. Michael's Guild. In August of 1995, she made her home in the Salem Retirement Home in Elk Horn. Susan died Nov. 23, 2000, at Salem Lutheran Home at age 94 years, seven months and 25 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, George; granddaughter, Carolyn Marie Petsche; three sisters, Lenora "Nora", Josephine and Catherine, and two brothers, Tony and Vitus. She is survived by her children, Lucille (Bud) McKeighan of Las Vegas, NV; Phyllis (Paul) Stephany of Harlan; Leonard Petsche (June) of Harlan; Lavern Petsche (Billie) of Meridian, ID; George Petsche (Sue) of Harlan; Charlene (Neil) Mahlberg of Harlan; and Jim Petsche of Harlan; 26 grandchildren; 45 great grandchildren; siblings, Fred Klein of Omaha, NE; Joe Klein of Harlan; John Klein (Isabel) of Harlan and Cecelia Gross of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Nov. 27, 2000, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Rev. Daniel Petsche O.S.B. celebrant and Rev. Howard Fitzgerald concelebrant. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Curtis Stephany, Dan Petsche, Tim Petsche, Steven Petsche, Doug Mahlberg, Robert Petsche, Paul Mahlberg, David Petsche and Jamie Petsche casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

