

## Mary "Pat" Portwood, 91

Dec. 4, 1923 - Oct. 16, 2015

**HARLAN** — Mary Patricia "Pat" Portwood was born in Garner, on December 4, 1923, the second of nine children born to George and Maude (Engstler) Schneider. Pat grew up in the Garner area and graduated from Clear Lake High School in 1941.



March 4, 1943, Pat married Leslie Portwood in Mason City. Pat and Les became the parents of six children: Janann, Michael, Phillip, Eileen, James, and Joseph. The couple moved from Clear Lake to Boone in 1964. Over the years, Pat

worked for FS Farm Service, Boone State Bank in Boone, ASCS Office, and Iowa State University, retiring from Iowa State in 1986. The couple relocated to Harlan in 2002. Pat was an active member of the Sacred Heart Church in Boone where she was always willing to help out when needed. In earlier years, she enjoyed gardening, quilting, crafting, sewing, and writing. Pat died October 16, 2015 at the Avoca Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Avoca at age 91.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Millicent, Annamarie, Elexine, and Theo; brothers Armond, John "Jack", and Elrede; grandson Joseph Michael; daughter-in-law Brenda; brother-in-law Phillip Portwood; sisters-in-law Marjorie (Robert Hansen), Helen (Robert) Compton, and Dixie (Bernie) Dankbar. She is survived by her husband Leslie; her children: Janann (Steve) Beaubien, Michael Portwood, Phillip Portwood, Eileen (Tim) Johnson, Jim (Kate) Portwood, and Joe (Joann) Portwood. Also surviving are her sister Genevieve (Joseph) Vallenari; a sister-in-law Patsy Portwood; and grandchildren: Todd Beaubien, Jenee Beaubien-Boetel, Tony Portwood, Andy Portwood, Travis Portwood, Nathaniel Portwood, Amanda Portwood-Thielan, Clayton Portwood, Reahna Portwood, Melissa Portwood-Lehmann, Cory Hunt, and Bailey Portwood; and 18 great grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Sacred Heart in Boone with Rev. James Bruch officiating. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Boone. Memorials in memory of Pat may be made to Catholic Charities of Sioux City. Online condolences may be made to [www.schroedermemorialchapel.com](http://www.schroedermemorialchapel.com).

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