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Lois Rasmussen, 78

Jan. 7, 1926 - Nov. 12, 2004

HARLAN — Lois Jane Jensen, daughter of Anton Chris and Ilo Rose (Mulligan) Jensen, was born Jan. 7, 1926, in Shelby County. She was one of three children. She grew up on a farm near Irwin, and attended and graduated from Irwin High School. Lois later graduated from Commercial Extension Business College in Omaha, NE, and later acquired an Associate in Arts Degree from Iowa Western Community College. She worked at the Nishnabotna Valley REC.

Feb. 22, 1947, she married Carl John Rasmussen at Harlan. They made their home on a farm near Irwin. To this union three children were born. Carl died March 30, 1984. Lois then moved to Harlan. She worked for 25 years at Concerned, Inc. in Harlan as a secretary. She was a lifetime member of the St. Michael's Catholic Church, a member of St. Michael's Women's Guild, a past member of Lioness of Harlan, and Myrtue Memorial Hospital Women's Auxillary. As her health declined, she was admitted to Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, and it was there that she died Nov. 12, 2004, at age 78 years, 10 months and five days.

She was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by her sons, Carl J. Rasmussen of Palm City, FL; Peter (Barbara) Rasmussen of Irwin; daughter, Linda (Joseph) Wendling of Olpe, KS; sisters, Rose Sondag of Irwin; Mary Rauterkus of Manilla; eight grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 16, 2004, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Bob Hoefler officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Casket bearers were Alison Adams, Rex Adams, Chris Rasmussen, Geoff Rasmussen, Andy Rasmussen, Tom Sondag and Sam Rauterkus. Honorary casket bearers were Jennifer Rasmussen, Carl Rasmussen, Jr., Elizabeth Wendling and Nicole Wendling. The Crosby-Kunold-Burket-Swanson-Golden Funeral Home, Omaha, in charge of arrangements with Pauley Jones Funeral Home assisting.