

Irene Rosman, 72

May 8, 1933 - Oct. 3, 2005

HARLAN — Irene E. Rosman, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Goetzinger Kloewer, was born May 8, 1933, in Defiance. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. She attended St. Paul's Catholic School where she graduated and later attended Mercy School of Nursing, graduating in 1953. Upon graduation, she was employed at Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs.

Oct. 2, 1954, Irene married Louis Rosman at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. Eight children were born to this union: Jerry, Mary, Jean, Kathy, Rose, Margaret, James and Mamie. After their marriage, Irene stayed home to raise their children while Louis farmed. In 1969, she was employed at Myrtue Memorial Hospital. She worked there until 1974, when she began working at Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan, until her health began to fail. She volunteered for many years with the Red Cross helping with the Bloodmobile. She died Oct. 3, 2005, at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, NE at age 72 years, four months and 26 days.

In addition to her parents, Irene was preceded in death by a daughter, Mamie and her brothers, Joseph, Kenneth, Larry and Virgil "Bud." Survivors include her husband, Louis of Harlan; her children, Jerry Rosman (Janice) of Harlan; Dr. Mary Pat Rosman (David) of Sumner; Jean Marie (Kent) Mortensen of Arlington, NE; Kathy Van Elsen and her fiancé, Kirk of Des Moines; Rose (Steve) Johnson of Omaha, NE; Margaret Rosman of Omaha, NE; James Rosman (Laura) of Laurinburg, NC; 15 grandchildren; brothers and sister, Harry Kloewer (Lois) of Merville; Leonard Kloewer (Donna) of Underwood; Eilene (Don) Thorell of Omaha, NE; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 7, 2005, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrant. Burial was in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Lincoln Township, Harlan, with Paul Buman, Wayne Mortensen, Jeff Burnan, Rod Devine, Carl Rosman, Steve Kloewer, Mike Flies, and Josh Stuhr casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

