

Josephine Schaben, 89

June 1, 1905 - June 7, 1994

Defiance - Josephine Lenora Schaben, daughter of Herman and Elizabeth (Erlbacher) Block was born June 1, 1905 at Earling. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and attended St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling.

April 28, 1926 she married William R. Schaben at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. They were the parents of twelve children. After their marriage, they farmed in the Defiance area and in 1961 they built their new home and moved into Defiance. After the death of her husband in 1968, she continued to reside in her own home until 1989 when she became a resident of Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling. She died June 7, 1994 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 89 years and six days. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance and St. Peter's Altar Society.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sons - Marvin and Jack and a daughter Joan; three brothers - Leonard, Herman and Ernest, three sisters - Augusta, Lourine and Louise, three step-brothers - Henry, Joseph and August; two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She is survived by her children - Charles (Delores) Schaben, Betty (Le Roy) Grote and Raymond (Frances) Schaben, all of Earling; Delores (Jack) Staley of Carroll; Eugene (Janice) Schaben of Defiance; Janice (Cletus) Schmitz and Gladys (Dan) Rau both of Harlan; Duane (Joan) Schaben of Co. Bluffs and Ron (Marge) Schaben of Defiance; 57 grandchildren, 76 great-grandchildren; two sisters - Catherine Schaben of Earling and Sr. Brendan Block of Earling; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated June 10, 1994 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, with Rev. Thomas Crowley celebrating. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery in Earling with Ron Schaben, Eugene Schaben, Charles Schaben, Duane Schaben and Raymond Schaben casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.