

Lucille Catherine Morrissey Schaben, 91

July 23, 1905 - Sept. 7, 1996

DENISON - Lucille Catherine Morrissey Schaben, daughter of James Buchanan and Catherine Nestlebush Morrissey, was born July 23, 1905 at home in Audubon, one of 13 children. She received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Audubon. In 1915, the family moved to Omaha, where she was raised receiving her education at Saint Catherine's Catholic Girls School and the College of St. Mary's.

July 1, 1936 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Omaha, she married Anton Paul Schaben. The marriage started with a ready made family of four children, Bob, Tony, Ruth and Ed Schaben. To this family were born ten children, Bernard, Paul, Mary Catherine, Michael, Daniel, twins, John and Sheila Marie, Malachy, Henry and Rosaria. They made their home for three years on a farm near Earling. In 1939, the family moved to Defiance, where they resided for 51 years and were active members of St. Peter's Catholic Parish. He died July 19, 1990, and following his death, she moved to Denison where she currently resided. She did volunteer work at the Denison Senior Center. Weekly she visited the residents at both nursing homes in Denison. She was a volunteer aide at St. Rose of Lima School, a prayer partner and a reading listener at the Denison Elementary School. She was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, St. Rose of Lima Guild, Legion of Mary and the Crawford County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. In 1992, she received an award from Governor Terry E. Branstad for being an outstanding volunteer worker for the State of Iowa. She died Sept. 7, 1996, at the Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison at age 91 years, one month and 14 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Anton P. Schaben; twin children, Sheila Marie and John Schaben; son, Malachy Schaben; her parents, James and Catherine Morrissey; two sisters, Julia Daley and Genevieve Morrissey; three brothers, Ralph, John and Albert Morrissey, and one daughter-in-law, Carol Schaben. She is survived by her seven children and their spouses, Bernard Schaben and friend, Ann Allen of Bellevue, NE; Paul (Jane) Schaben of Carroll; Mary Kay (Marvin) Campbell of Denison; Mike (Jeanne) Schaben of Defiance; Dan (Darlene) Schaben of Carroll; Henry (Colleen) Schaben of Waynesboro, PA and Rose (Richard) Dittmer of Columbia, MO; daughter-in-law, Cindy Schaben of Redondo Beach, CA; 29 grandchildren, 31 step-grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; step great grandchildren; step great great grandchildren; four step children and their spouses, Robert (Ardith) Schaben; Tony (Ella Mae) Schaben; Ruth (Bob) Weis all of Defiance; and Ed (Rita) Schaben of Panama; three brothers, Jerry Morrissey (Becky) of St. Louis, MO; Jim Morrissey of Ellettsville, IN and Paul Morrissey of Grand Rapids, MI; four sisters, Irene Riordan of Denver, CO; Gladys Le Clerc of Orville, CA; Yvonne Hall and Kay Morrissey both of LaVern, CA; two sisters-in-law, Grace Morrissey of Los Angeles, CA and Katherine Schaben of the Little Flower Haven in Earling; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 10, 1996, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Denison, with the Rev. Andrew W. Hoffmann celebrant. Honorary casket bearers were Lucille's prayer partners, Molly Breen, Elizabeth Arkfeld, Anna Brodersen, Katy Lenz, Pam Childress, Jennie Lally, Leah Esser, Sara Curnyn, Chris Skoog and Joe Bissen. Casket bearers were Kelli Rozers, Ryan A. Schaben, Kimberly Campbell, David Schaben, Scott Schaben, Ryan Schaben, Adam Schaben and Rik Ditter. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery at Defiance. The Plannebecker Funeral Home in Denison, in charge of arrangements.