

Bernice Schomer, 92 ✓

June 14, 1914 - Feb. 7, 2007

HARLAN — Bernice Buman Schomer was born June 14, 1914, in rural Tennant, to John and Helen (Rosman) Buman. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima in Portsmouth. She attended grade school and graduated from high school in Tennant. She went on to attend college at St. Mary's, Notre Dame in Indiana, and Duschene in Omaha, NE. After completing her education, she taught third and fourth grades in Tennant, for six years, until her marriage.

Bernice married Joseph Schomer June 22, 1943, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. There were six children born to this union, Joe Jr., Mary, Rose, Pat, Kathleen, and Stephan. She was involved in her children's activities. She was a 4-H leader for the Lincoln Bluebirds. She taught religious education at St. Michael's Catholic Church, read to the residents at Elm Crest Retirement Center, and served on the Community Chest Board. Joe and Bernice lived on the family farm until 1999 when they moved into Harlan. She died Feb. 7, 2007, at age 92 years, seven months, and 24 days.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents, John and Helen Buman, and her siblings, Edwin Buman, Corrine Anastasi, Wanda Jurshack, and Kenneth Buman. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Joseph Schomer; her children, Joe Schomer, Jr. of Daytona Beach, FL; Mary (Myron) Goodman of Salisbury, NC; Rose (Kenneth) Nielsen of LaCanada, CA; Pat (Mike) Laas of Bettendorf; Kathleen Kohorst of Harlan; and Stephan (Tammy) Schomer of Iowa City; 19 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Feb. 10, 2007, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrating. Casket bearers were John Kohorst, Myron Joseph Goodman, Jr., Molly Laas, Buck Bucholz, David Schomer and Joe Schomer III. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery in Westphalia. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

