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Rita Weihs, 73

Oct. 12, 1920 - March 22, 1994

Harlan - Rita LaVon Weihs, daughter of William and Lillian (Meyers) Reid was born Oct. 12, 1920 on a farm near Willy. She died March 22, 1994 at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, NE at age 73 years, five months and 10 days. She was baptized in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Willy and as a small child moved with her family to Neodesha, KS for a year. They then returned to Shelby County to make their home. She received her first communion at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, and was confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. She attended country school in Shelby County and grade school in Westphalia, graduating from St. Paul's High School in Defiance in 1939. After school, she became a clerk at Farners' Department Store in Harlan, a position she held for the next ten years.

January 11, 1954 she married Louis Weihs at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed East of Harlan, and this has been their home to the present time. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, St. Michael's Guild and many card clubs.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Chris, Joseph and Clarence Reid. She is survived by her husband, Louis Weihs; her children - Ronald (Sally) Weihs of Defiance, Julie (Larry) Goetzing of Westphalia and David (Cheryl) Weihs of Mo. Valley; six grandchildren; one sister, Yvonne (Don) Whannell of Co. Bluffs; four brothers - Malvern (Dorothy) Reid of Harlan; Delbert Reid of Co. Bluffs, Rev. Frank Reid of Mahanomen, MN and William R. Reid of Co. Bluffs; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian burial was concelebrated March 25, 1994 at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Frank Reid of Mahanomen, MN and Msgr. Edward Kelly of St. Michael's Catholic Church officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with John Reid, John Weihs, Denny Anastasi, Don Whannel, Mike Weihs, and Jeff Claussen casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.