

Margaret "Boots" Wageman, 87

June 24, 1927 - Oct. 24, 2014

DEFIANCE — Margaret Elizabeth Wageman, daughter of Henry and Anna (Walters) Schmieding, was born on June 24, 1927 in Panama, where she was baptized at St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church. She was later confirmed at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap. Margaret came to be known as "Boots" since her childhood. While attending country school through the 8th grade, Boots also helped on the family farm.

April 24, 1948, Boots was united in marriage to Bill McDonald, son of Ward and Susie Mc-

Donald. Two sons, Gary and Larry, were born to this union. They lived in Dunlap where Bill owned and operated McDonald Construction.

After Bill's death, Boots worked in Omaha until 1982 when she married Elmer Wageman and moved to their home in Defiance where they were members of St. Peter's Catholic Church. Boots enjoyed bingo, cooking, dancing and trips to Vegas. Boots died on October 24, 2014, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan having attained the age of eighty-seven years and four months.

In addition to her parents, Boots was preceded in death by her first husband, Bill, great-grandson Tyler, great-granddaughter Sarah Bryan, sisters Anna Marie Arkfeld, Lucille Michalski and Marita Andersen. She is survived by her husband Elmer Wageman of Harlan; her sons Gary McDonald and his wife Chris of Lake View, and Larry McDonald and his special friend Judy of Denison; seven grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; her sister Betty and her husband Carroll Cox of Council Bluffs; her brother Henry Schmieding, Jr. of Omaha, NE; brother-in-law Harvey Andersen of Ralston, NE; stepchildren Don Wageman and his wife Rose of Earling, Linda and her husband Ken Bruck of Harlan, Rose and her husband Matt Koesters of Harlan, Kathleen and her husband Ken McCown of Lincoln, NE; fourteen step-grandchildren; twenty-five step great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Reverend John Frost celebrated the 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Monday, October 27, 2014 at the St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance. Music was provided by Judy Rewerts and Laura Keane. Serving as casket bearers were Ron Arkfeld, Alan McDonald, Mark Arkfeld, John Wageman, Bryce McDonald and Jason Arkfeld. Burial was held at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Dunlap.



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