

Velma Wegner, 70

April 26, 1939 - Oct. 12, 2009

HARLAN — Velma Elizabeth Wegner, daughter of John P. And Josephine (Sandbothe) Peterson, was born on April 26, 1939, in Portsmouth. She was baptized at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth and confirmed at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Woodbine. Velma also attended country school outside of Portsmouth. After school, Velma babysat for several families and worked as a housekeeper before working at the World Radio in Council Bluffs. While attending the St. Mary's Picnic in Panama, Velma met her future husband, Roland.



March 5, 1957, Velma was united in marriage to Roland John Wegner at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Seven children were born to this union: Debra, Daniel, Robert, Paul, David, Roger, and Linda. After their wedding, Velma and Roland made their home on a farm outside of Panama before moving to Harlan in 1979. After moving into Harlan, Velma began working at the County Care Center in Harlan as a cook. She continued to work there for seven years until she began working at Wilson Seed where she stayed for five years. After leaving Wilson Seed, Velma worked part-time as a cook for the Harlan Community High School and also for the Westphalia Club House. Velma was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Woodbine before moving to Harlan where she became a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church. Velma enjoyed playing bingo, dancing, and spending time in the kitchen cooking for her family. She always had homemade bread or doughnuts ready for her children and grandchildren. Throughout the years, Velma and Roland continued the tradition of their "Friday night date night" where they would go out for a drink and dinner. Velma was a very outgoing person and loved to be around people. She continued to work with her friends everyday until she found out she had cancer in April 2009. Velma died on Monday, October 12, 2009, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, having attained the age of seventy years, five months and sixteen days.

Velma is preceded in death by her parents, her son Roger and her granddaughter Kaitlyn Ann Wegner. She is survived by her husband Roland of Harlan; their children; Debra and her husband Bruce Busing of Logan; Daniel Wegner of Harlan; Robert Wegner and his wife Jane of Osage Beach, MO; Paul Wegner and his wife Kristi of Harlan; David Wegner and his wife Kelly of Harlan; Mrs. Roger (Kim) Wegner (Larsen) of Council Bluffs; Linda and her husband Craig Adair of Logan; sixteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; her siblings: Dorothy and her husband Carl Michael of Logan; Joseph Peterson of Walnut; Helen and her husband Chuck Hanson of Moorehead; Elaine and her husband Ron Wageman of Apple Valley, MN; Donald Peterson and his wife Glenda of Spencer; Alvin Peterson of Chandler, AZ; Darlene and her husband Jim Havick of Shenandoah; Kenneth Peterson of Chandler, AZ; Debra Jensen of Livermore; Terry Peterson and his wife Tommi of Spencer; Ronald Skalla of Chandler, AZ; nieces; nephews; other family members and many friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2009, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Rev. Bob Hoefler celebrating the 11:00 AM service. Interment was held at the Harlan Cemetery with Nathan Adair, Jennifer Bus-

ing Lansman, Alex Wegner, Austin Adair, Je'Anne Wegner, Sara Busing Wagner, and Kassie Wegner Larsen acting as honorary casket bearers. Serving as casket bearers were: Matt Busing, Spencer Wegner, PJ Wegner, Ryan Wegner, Steven Wegner, Matt Wegner, Michael Busing, Shawn Wegner, and Bobby Wegner.

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