

Esther Weihs, 83

Oct. 17, 1922 - June 27, 2006

HARLAN — Esther Kathryn Weihs, the daughter of Henry and Rose Mueller Graeve, was born Oct. 17, 1922, in Earling. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling and attended St. Joseph's Catholic School.

Sept. 26, 1944, Esther married Urban Musich at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Eight children were born to this union, Bill, Mary Jane, James, Duane, Ann, Rick, Margaret and Mark. After their marriage, they resided in Earling until 1952, when they moved to Harlan. In 1970, the couple moved to Council Bluffs.

In 1975, Esther married Franklin Weihs at Council Bluffs, where they resided until moving to Harlan, in November of 1987. Frank died Sept. 9, 1994. Esther was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. She worked in retail sales at Western Iowa Pork and was a cook at a nursing home in Council Bluffs and that is where she was employed the longest. She died June 27, 2006, at Myrtue Medical Center at age 83 years, eight months, and 10 days.

In addition to her parents, and her husband, Frank, Esther was preceded in death by a daughter, Ann, and her brothers and sisters, Alfonse, William, Raymond, Harry and Charles Graeve, Rita Panke, and Margaret Tedrow. Survivors include her children, William Musich (Bonnie) of Virginia Beach, VA; Mary Jane (Robinson) Orsack of Warren, AR; James Musich (Kate) of Bedford; Duane Musich (Linda) of Harlan; Rick Musich (Theresa) of Gretna, NE; Margaret (Chuck) Nelson of Millard, NE; Mark Musich (Stephanie) of Earling; her stepchildren, Gary Weihs of Crescent; Linda (James) Foje of Council Bluffs; Ron Weihs (Susan) of Crescent; Ed Weihs (Kathe) of Council Bluffs; Nancy (Robert) Braunersrither of Council Bluffs; Shirley (Roger) Williams of Osceola, IN; 24 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; her brothers and sisters, Helen Petsche of Harlan; Veronica Hodapp of Harlan; Irene (Henry) Arkefeld of Panama; Leonard Graeve (Joyce) of Harlan; Al Graeve (Mick) of Earling; Mary Agnes (Stanley) Korducki of Milwaukee, WI; Leo Graeve (Joanne) of Earling; James Graeve (Mary Ann) of St. Joe, MN; Lawrence Graeve (Colleen) of Sun Prairie, WI; Ruth (Ray) Korducki of Milwaukee, WI; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 1, 2006, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Mark Musich, Jr. serving as a honorary casket bearer. Casket bearers were Mark Jirkovsky, Dan Musich, Shane Walston, Dylan Parkhurst, Jacob Musich and Bradley Freund. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

