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Dorothy Williams, 91

Feb. 7, 1911 - June 2, 2002

DENISON - Dorothy Rosalia Williams was born to Constant and Rose Greiner Leinen Feb. 7, 1911, while they were living on a farm near Portsmouth. She received her education at St. Mary's Catholic School in Portsmouth, graduating with the class of 1929, with a small class of six scholars.

March 3, 1930, she married Ray Williams at St. Mary's in Portsmouth. They lived on various farms in the Portsmouth and Persia areas until 1950, when they sold their land and farm equipment and moved to Dow City, and later on to Denison. It was at that time Dorothy began work at the Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison, as a nurses aide. She was employed at the Crawford County Memorial Hospital for 19 years full-time, plus six years part-time. She spent 14 years in O.B. and four years in surgery, before moving to Harlan, where she was employed at the Elm Crest Home for two years. The family moved back to Denison, and she went back to working at the hospital part-time, until retiring at age 68 years. She sold her home in Denison, and moved into The Reed House Assisted Living in Denison, July 25, 2001, until she needed more care at which time she entered the Denison Care Center Dec. 27, 2001. She died June 2, 2002, at the Denison Care Center in Denison, at age 91.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ray, June 22, 1994; one son, Donald in 1976; one son-in-law, Larry Nicholas; two sisters, Catherine Weiging and Emma Lefebber. Survivors include her children, Kenneth Williams (Kay) of Hemet, CA; Rose Ann Schnack (Ernie) of Harlan; Ramon Williams (Myra) of Charter Oak; Betty Sebern (Ward) of Manilla; Colleen Nicholas of Hemet, CA; Donna Rasmussen (Franklin) of Harlan; Neil Williams of Council Bluffs; Janet Hansen (Jerry); Phillip Williams (Mary) and Dally Williams, all of Denison; one daughter-in-law, Coleen Schrum (Skip) of Alta; 24 grandchildren; 41 great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held June 5, 2002, at the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Denison, with Father Richard Ball officiating. Burial was in the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Cemetery. Casket bearers were Douglas Nicholas, Phillip Williams, Todd Williams, Jim Hansen, Michael Schrum, Galen Schnack, Greg Nicholas and Gary Sebern. Huebner Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.